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REPORTER

A cashier at CYC Kagman Market points to a shack located beside their store where their regular customer, an old man believed to be Ricardo Muna Quitugua, would read newspapers, take a nap, then leave, after buying items every morning. The cashier said the old man, described as very quiet and irritable, has not visited the store the past two weeks.

Senate to Fitial: No to delay in turning DPH into a corporation

» **Governor asked to start appointing board of trustees' members**

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Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) told Gov. Benigno R. Fitial yesterday that the implementation of a law turning the Department of Public Health into a corporation cannot be delayed, and asked the governor to immediately appoint members of the corporation's board of trustees.

The governor's nomination of the new corporation's board members needs the advice and consent of the Senate.

Fitial is expected to be back home today from Alaska where he spoke at a renewable energy fair.

Manglona's letter to the governor came a few days after the House Ways and Means Committee said that extend-

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Investigators determine remains belong to old man

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A joint FBI and Department of Public Safety investigation was able to establish that the human bones found in Kagman III on Sunday could possibly belong to an old man, even as a family that has become familiar with tragedy believes that the remains belong to 72-year-old Ricardo Muna Quitugua.

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» **Family believes remains belong to 72-year-old Ricardo M. Quitugua**

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» **Community pays last respects to wife of lieutenant governor**

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Acting governor Eloy S. Inos, along with his children and hundreds in the community, laid to rest his wife of 40 years at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery yesterday.

Inos said one of the things he would miss most about his wife—the late Dolores Agusto Inos—is that she would always wait for him every day at home, even during the times when she was very ill.

"She always welcomes me back, after a long

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CPA now out of Rota east harbor project

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority is now out of the planned development of Rota's east harbor after the island's local delegation agreed to use a non-profit organization to administer the project.

Ports authority executive director Edward Deleon Guerrero told the agency's board of directors that the Rota Legislative Delegation decided to take a "different approach" for the project in which CPA will not be responsible in the repayment of the loan to be used for the undertaking.

Deleon Guerrero had earlier expressed his opposition to the project, believing that the \$25 million fund for the undertaking could be better used in completing the repairs at the existing west harbor instead of building another one in the east side.

The money to be spent will come from the government's 702 monies which in the original plan, CPA will repay using ports revenues.

Rota board member Barrie

Firefighter who refused lie detector test leaves CNMI

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The firefighter who refused to undergo a lie detector test in connection with the investigation into the disappearance of sisters Faloma and Maleina Luhk and resigned last month, has left the CNMI two weeks ago.

Sources disclosed yesterday that the former firefighter at the Department of Public Safety left

Toves questioned on Friday the executive director's opposition to the project, disclosing that it has never been discussed in the board meeting. He also questioned the absence of supporting justifications such as result of a feasibility study conducted on the site.

But because CPA has been identified in the repayment of the loan, Deleon Guerrero said that it's proper that the agency expressed its position on the issue, even without the formal board's adoption of any stance.

"This has been on the table for almost a year. Since the beginning of the plan to develop east harbor, I was invited to the Senate, I was requested more information. I know the east harbor is not under CPA but of DPL. But as the executive director of CPA, knowing that in that particular loan CPA was identified as the one to pay back ... that's where I came in. I gave the municipality opportunity to come to the board and make presentation but up to now, we don't receive the complete packet on what they intend to do," he explained to the board.

The executive director also disclosed that even with the "new direction" of the project, CPA also assured the municipality and delegation that it will continue to provide assistance if needed.

The Rota delegation and the municipality have agreed to pursue the project to develop the east harbor side in their aim to jumpstart the island's economy by attracting more vessels and ports activities in the seaport facility. Compared to the west harbor area, the east side has a calm bay which is advisable to accommodate small and big sea vessels compared to the strong currents experienced in the west harbor, according to them.

Deleon Guerrero said that the identified site for the new harbor is not CPA property but belongs to the Department of Public Lands.

Additionally, he believes that the \$25 million will not be enough to realize the new project. He earlier recommended to the delegation and the municipality to instead utilize the money in developing the breakwater in the west harbor and

use the other portion in some seaport projects on island—but to no avail.

"My main objection to the project was that CPA, based on loan application, was mentioned responsible to repay the loan. I continue to object it as long as CPA is part of it. It's my responsibility to ensure that there's a proper planning to make sure we can repay the loan," explained Deleon Guerrero, adding that based on the current volume of cargoes and ports activity in general, this may not feasible at this time.

Deleon Guerrero said that Rota would need an estimated \$80 million to complete the development of east harbor. He also said that because there are no public lands around that particular area, there's also a need to purchase private lands to put the infrastructure on it.

"It's going to cost more than \$25 million, that's why I am against it. Now that CPA is not part of it, I laid back my comments and will continue to look at how this thing moves on Rota," added the executive director.

about the firefighter.

DPS has stated that they don't have any evidence to support any person of interest as being a participant in the children's disappearance.

Next week will be three months since the disappearance of 10-year-old Faloma and 9-year-old Maleina. The girls were reportedly last seen near a bus stop pavilion in As Teo on May 25.

firefighter, who was tagged as a person of interest by investigators in the Luhk sisters' case, recently sold some of his belongings and left his house in Kagman III.

Elbert Quitugua, the grandfather of the Luhk sisters, yesterday refused to comment about the firefighter's departure.

Anicia Tomokane, Quitugua's sister, also stated that she has no comment when the issue is



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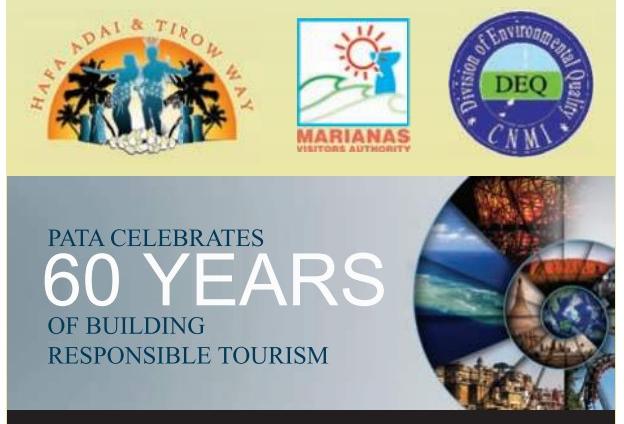
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The promotion "Let's Go (to) Saipan Aqua Resort" was largely funded by Lotte Department Store, who set up a promotional booth at their main store. The store also hired a part-time staffer to man the booth and created additional in-store, standing banners. Aqua Resort support the promotion with an accommodations and breakfast package for four visitors, as well as 30 give-away toys. The MVA provided 4 roundtrip airfares and exposure of the event in the Marianas E-newsletter distributed to travel partners and consumers in the country.

The promotion was held from July 14-21, 2011.



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DESPITE BUDGET CONSTRAINTS: NMC not eyeing any tuition hike

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Despite the ongoing financial constraints at the Northern Marianas College, president Sharon Y. Hart and dean of students services Leo Pangelinan disclosed that the institution is not ready to implement any tuition and fee increases at this time.

They assured that other av-

enues that would improve the financial state of the college would be explored first before recommending any changes in the current rates collected from students.

Hart, who assumed the presidency last July 5, admitted that institutions always look at tuition and fees when there's a need to generate additional revenues for their operation. However, NMC

students were assured that they will be spared from such a hike.

"We haven't made any changes [on our tuition and fees] and we will surely not. This is not an issue for NMC now," Hart told *Saipan Tribune*.

Pangelinan, for his part, believes that enrollment—which slightly dropped each year—may continue to decline if tuition rates will be adjusted. The dean of student services disclosed it was more than five years ago when NMC last implemented a tuition hike, which immediately affected enrollment.

Prior to any enforcement of "unpopular" decision, Pangelinan has recommended

conducting a survey among residents in communities to determine if families are ready to pay more for the education of their students.

"We have to balance that with the affordability of the community. We don't want to decrease our enrollment and it was proven a factor in the past.

Our goal, despite all financial challenges, is to always increase our enrollment," he told *Saipan Tribune*, adding that at present any adjustment is not being considered seriously by both the management and the Board of Regents.

Instead of increasing rates, Hart is confident that the col-

lege's revenues and financial state will improve by seriously implementing an aggressive effort in securing major grants and help assist the NMC Foundation in its campaigns and goals.

"Our foundation is absolutely an important element of our institution. Its key mission is to help raise money and friends on behalf of the college. We need to help them [foundation members] in this goal," the president said.

For Hart, improving the relationship between NMC and the business community is also a surefire way of helping the college become stable. Besides the financial donations received

Some employees at Legislature leave early due to varnish smell

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A strong smell of varnish, which is used in wood finishing, sent home some employees at the Legislature upon recommendation by the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Because of health concerns, OSHA recommended that members of the Legislature and all others at the Legislature with "respiratory, asthma, or any medical condition" that may be aggravated by the smell of varnish to immediately leave the building.

Contractors used varnish during the weekend to replace a termite-infested wall in the office of Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota).

Because the Legislature had to be locked up during the weekend, the smell of varnish got trapped inside the building over the weekend.

When employees reported for work on Monday, they were greeted by the strong smell of varnish, employees interviewed said.

Windows and doors at the

Legislature's building on Capital Hill were opened yesterday to free the building of the strong smell of varnish.

Varnish is used mostly in wood finishing, and is traditionally a combination of a drying oil, a resin, and a thinner or solvent. Varnishes are also applied over wood stains as a final step to achieve a film for gloss and protection.

Legislative Bureau administrative officer Patrick Seman sent out a memo to House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) and Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) about OSHA's recommendations.

Copies of the memo were sent to offices within the Legislature yesterday.

As a result, some employees went home early to escape the smell. But before the close of business hours yesterday, the smell of varnish was no longer in the air.

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CNMI Senate urges Guam Legislature to reject bill taxing fuel transshipments

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The CNMI Senate is urging the Guam Legislature to reject a bill that eliminates the fuel tax exemption on liquid fuel transshipped through Guam because doing so would further increase the cost of fuel not only in the CNMI but also in Palau, the Marshall

Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia.

Guam's Bill 279-31, introduced by Sen. Tom Ada and co-sponsored by two others, lifts the fuel tax exemptions to fund environmental protection and community related programs.

In response to the bill's introduction at the Guam Legislature, the

Ian Kanoa Cemetery.

Hundreds of community members, including former and current government officials, paid their last respects to Mrs. Inos.

The acting governor and the family thanked the community for their presence.

Mrs. Inos, fondly known as "Ling," passed away on Aug. 6 at the Asian Hospital and Medical Center in the Philippines. She was 63.

The acting governor also spoke of his late wife's enduring support for him not only as a husband but also as an elected official.

"I knew she wanted to help, to be at my side at all times, but her physical condition just didn't allow her to do that... I know she would have liked to help out and participate, and just be around with me whenever I serve the people, the community, but she couldn't do that at all," Inos said during the interview.

He has mixed emotions about his wife's passing—on one end, his wife's suffering and pain had ended but on one end, he's sad that she's gone.

"She's been battling this illness for

CNMI Senate adopted last week a resolution urging their Guam counterparts to reject the measure.

CNMI Senate floor leader Pete Reyes (R-Saipan), author of Senate Joint Resolution 17-16, said in his measure that there can be no meaningful discussion of reunification of Guam and the Northern Marianas if Guam Bill 279-31 is enacted into law

many, many years. She suffered major stroke in December 2008. From that point on, it was pretty much a struggle. She's bedridden for a number of years. She was on dialysis for about 12 years. It's kidney failure, basically. She wasn't diabetic," Inos said.

Inos has been the acting governor since Friday, while Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and the first lady are attending a renewable energy summit in Fair Banks, Alaska. The governor is expected to be back on Saipan today.

Inos said when he was in the Philippines for his wife's recent treatment, the governor was always checking on his family back home.

"I'm extremely grateful for that," he said.

Fitial ordered all U.S. and CNMI flags to fly at half-staff until after Mrs. Inos' funeral, and announced on Aug. 7 a state of mourning for Mrs. Inos' passing.

The governor earlier described Mrs. Inos "a loving wife of 40 years, a gentle and caring mother to her six children and a beloved grandmother to her seven grandchildren. She will be missed tremendously."

Quitugua.

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"Some people would rob his house, harassing him. They hated him," Elbert Quitugua said.

He said the area where the bones were found was his uncle's daily routine path in the morning to buy newspapers, cigarettes, food, and other items.

He said neighbors in the area have been wondering why the old man has not been seen the past two weeks.

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Anicia Q. Tomokane, brother of Elbert Quitugua, said his uncle is her father's youngest brother and that he is the remaining survivor of all the siblings.

"We're so sad that he had to die this way," Tomokane said. "My dad passed away two years ago and one of his wishes when he was getting so sick was to check on uncle Rick."

"without regard to the livelihood" of CNMI people.

"With the continued economic decline throughout the region and the increased cost of living, it is imperative that the government of Guam support the other Micronesian islands and harmoniously work together with their governments in these dire times," Reyes said in his resolution.

The CNMI House of Representatives has yet to act on the Senate resolution.

"Although applying the fuel tax to oil companies that utilize Guam as

its transshipment center will generate additional funds for the island of Guam, the [CNMI], particularly Rota and Tinian, will be detrimentally affected by the resulting increased cost of fuel," the Senate resolution reads.

Guam serves as a major transshipment center for the Micronesian region, including the redistribution of fuel.

Because of the economic benefits derived from such transshipment and redistribution services, incentives are granted by the government of Guam to transshipment companies such as the current fuel tax exemption.

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day [at work]. I'm going to miss that now. Even during the time she was very ill, she wouldn't go to sleep or get a rest until she knew I was home already. I'm going to miss that one very much... We will miss her for everything," Inos told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview minutes after the burial.

The acting governor said he and his late wife were married on March 5, 1971, and just celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary last March.

Their love story blossomed while he was still working at a bank, while she was working at Townhouse.

"I was working for the bank when I first met her," Inos said, reminiscing their younger years.

The Inos couple's five daughters—Dora Anne, Elaine Michelle, Eloise Kay, Christine Mae, and Fleurette Jean—along with other family members and relatives were among those who led the coffin from the Mount Carmel Cathedral where an 11am Mass of Christian Burial was held, to the Cha-

REMAINS

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DPS commissioner Ramon Mafnas said the case has been classified as a homicide as he noted that a municipality identification card was found in the article of clothing that was recovered at the scene where most of the bones were found.

Elbert Quitugua, grandfather of the missing Faloma and Maleina Luhk sisters, told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the ID card recovered by the investigators belongs to his uncle, Ricardo Muna Quitugua.

A cashier at CYC Kagman Market disclosed that they have a daily morning customer—an old man—who never showed up the past two weeks.

Authorities have yet to confirm whether the remains indeed belong to Ricardo Quitugua.

At a press briefing yesterday at the Department of Corrections' conference room, Press Secretary Angel Demapan said DPS and FBI officials are now working to confirm whether or not the person on the covered ID card may be the same person whose remains were discovered.

Demapan said after consultation between DPS and FBI authorities following a close examination of the human remains, investigators have evidence supporting that the bones are in fact human.

Demapan said a dental examination conducted on the lower jaw indicates that the bones could possibly belong to an adult man, approximately 70 years or older in age.

"Given that the medical examiner in Guam is currently unavailable, efforts are still ongoing to seek the services of

a forensic pathologist or medical examiner to determine the cause of death," he said.

The press secretary said DPS is in the process of reviewing its missing persons data for any indication that would shed light on the unknown identity of the remains presumed to belong to an adult.

"However, we have not received a missing persons report to correlate with the human remains that is the subject of the ongoing investigation, which we believe to be only a few weeks old relative to the time of death," Demapan said.

He said in an effort to preserve the integrity of the evidence and the investigation process, DPS is requesting the continued patience of the public to allow investigators to process the crime scene adequately and properly.

"Crime scenes, as in any jurisdiction, are restricted areas and accessed only by authorized law enforcement personnel and professionals assisting in the processing of the area," Demapan said.

Mafnas said they will not reveal the name of the recovered ID card until they are definite on the identity of the remains.

Mafnas said he has no comment whether a weapon was recovered at the scene.

The commissioner said the body was lying on the surface and not buried.

A dog looking for a bone to chew on Sunday morning led to authorities' discovery of a set of human remains at a homestead area in Kagman III.

Elbert Quitugua told *Saipan Tribune* that the FBI confirmed to him that the remains were not his missing granddaughters Faloma and Maleina Luhk and that investigators recovered at the scene an ID of his uncle, Ricardo Muna

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SENATE

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ing by one-year the implementation of the law turning DPH into a corporation is one of the options being looked at to address DPH's financial and operational issues.

Public Law 16-51 requires DPH to begin transitioning into the Healthcare Corp. on July 15, 2011 unless the date is extended by law.

However, July 15 came and went but the transition has not started and without an authorized extension of the transition date.

The Senate passed a bill moving the transition period to Oct. 1, 2011 to coincide with the start of fiscal year 2012.

But the House has yet to act on the Senate bill.

"The Senate supports the transition of DPH to the new Healthcare Corporation as mandated by Public Law 16-51," Manglona said.

Four reasons not to delay

Manglona cited four reasons why the implementation of the transition cannot be delayed.

"First, current healthcare system under DPH is not effectively providing healthcare services as demanded by the people," Manglona said, adding that DPH—which is under a state of emergency—needs autonomy and flexibility to develop and regulate a high quality, efficient, market-oriented public healthcare delivery system that is financially self-sufficient and independent from the CNMI government.

Second, the CNMI has to comply with the Obama Affordable Health Care Act, including the health insurance exchange by Jan. 1, 2014.

Third, DPH has uncontrollable expenses that cannot be cured with the present system.

Manglona said DPH continues to underwrite unfunded liabilities, including providing healthcare services to the indigent population that cannot afford to buy health insurance, overextending Medicaid services to residents, and providing end-stage renal disease treatment and services to Freely Associated States and other non-U.S. citizens.

He said non-U.S. citizen ESRD patients who are not qualified for Medicare and Medicaid cost the CNMI government some \$1.2 million annually.

Fourth, DPH's Commonwealth Health Center facility is nearly 30 years old and needs major repairs and renovation.

"As a public corporation, the Healthcare Corporation will be able to loan money, if necessary, to fund these upgrades and renovations in addition to many other necessities of DPH at this time," Manglona told the governor.

Options

Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan), who was one of the House members who met with DPH last week about the department's budget and transitioning into a corporation, said there's no final decision yet on extending the start of the transition period.

Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan) said there are lots of things to consider, that's why the panel is looking at amending the Senate bill to extend the conversion by one year, among other things.

House floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan) said among the options being looked at to fund DPH is borrowing money from the Marianas Public Land Trust, seeking the assistance of the U.S. Department of the Interior, or applying for grants.

"Taking \$20 million from the already reduced budget will be very difficult without having to go through drastic measures," he said.

Basa's Ways and Means Committee is concerned that DPH may not be ready to transition into a corporation.

The governor gave \$5 million in seed money for DPH to transition into a corporation, but the committee said this amount is just not enough.

Moreover, the governor's fiscal year 2012 budget submission of \$102 million will have to be changed to still include DPH's projected revenue collections and spending if DPH remains a full government agency. This also means that there will have to be further cuts to accommodate DPH's operational and personnel expenses.

Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Vilagomez, former governor Juan N. Bautista who is now one of the governor's special advisors, and other health officials met with the House on Thursday.

Board member appointments

The Senate president also said the monumental task of transitioning DPH to a corporation requires time, expertise and money.

"However, the first step that must be taken, which does not cost much, is to appoint members of the Board of Trustees with the advice and consent of the Senate," he said.

PL 16-51 requires the Board of Trustees to search and recommend a qualified person to the governor for appointment as the chief executive officer of the Healthcare Corp.

Manglona said the CEO selection may take some time so the sooner the Board of Trustees is constituted, the sooner they can begin the search for a CEO.

"The Senate stands ready to expedite the confirmation of the Healthcare Corporation Board of Trustees," the Senate president added.

Appliances on Rota damaged due to frequent outages

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Rota residents have complained that their appliances have been damaged because of frequent power fluctuations on the island.

Barrie Toves, a resident of Sinapalo village and the director of the Division of Youth Services on the island, disclosed to *Saipan Tribune* that they have experienced multiple power interruptions for almost two weeks as a result of undisclosed works of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

He said he tried to inquire at the agency's trouble desk many times but failed to get any information about the power outages.

Toves, who is also a board member of the Commonwealth Ports Authority, said Friday that because of the incidents, he lost his family computer, refrigerator, and a printer due to severe

damage. He estimated the monetary value of his losses at over \$2,000. A replacement for his refrigerator alone will set him back \$600.

"It's been almost every day for about two weeks. From one hour to almost the whole day, we experienced the power outage in Sinapalo. I believe that other residents have suffered the same where it also damaged their appliances and other equipment," he said.

Toves recalled that it was Thursday last week when they last experienced the power fluctuations on his village. Since it occurred two weeks ago, he said CUC failed to issue any advanced notice or announcement about the multiple power interruptions.

"I believe it's the responsibility of the CUC to inform its customers about what's happening especially with this kind of inci-

dents. I tried to call their trouble desk several times but failed to get any information," he told *Saipan Tribune*, adding that if a notice was sent properly, resi-

dents can prepare and protect their appliances.

CUC executive director Abe Utu Malae yesterday said that the Rota incidents were due to a

damaged engine alternator.

"One of the Mitsui engine alternators was damaged by moisture and we had to take it off line. We sent an electrician last

week to work on the alternator," he said, adding that CUC has to keep sending skilled workers to Rota as needed to address the island's power problems.

'New airline will help local tourism'

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

The ailing local tourism industry will get its much-needed boost through Fly Guam's Nagoya flights, according to Mayor Donald Flores.

"This will help a lot because people from Nagoya will now be encouraged to visit our islands

since they no longer have to fly to Narita to reach Saipan," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Fly Guam's maiden flight from Nagoya arrived at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport last Thursday, carrying 61 Japanese tourists on board the Boeing 737-400 aircraft. Government officials and crewmembers

welcomed the tourists.

"I congratulate Fly Guam on this new venture and I thank its CEO, Jeffrey Stern, for having their airline company service our islands," said Flores. "It's perfect timing since Delta Air Lines no longer services Nagoya."

Flores, who was on board the maiden flight, said passengers who ride with Fly Guam will already feel the island ambience the moment they board the plane. "It really gives you that

local atmosphere," he said.

The mayor said airlines such as Fly Guam that endeavor to service more cities is something "that will really help us get more tourists to visit us."

"If Fly Guam will service more airports in Japan, there's no need for more airlines," he added.

Flores, however, noted that more work is still needed to fill all the additional seats provided by Fly Guam.

"What we need to do now is to fill Fly Guam's seating capacity," he said.

Maratita is new Rota Health Center director

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

Mayor Melchor Mendiola appointed former lawmaker Edward Maratita as the new resident director for the Rota Health Center, a position vacated by Crispin Ayuyu who was fired last month due to still unknown reasons.

Maratita confirmed yesterday his appointment issued on Aug. 8 that needs the confirmation of the island's municipal council within 90 days. As a former lawmaker, the new resident director admitted that he was first reluctant to accept the job because he admitted not possessing the full knowledge about hospital operation.

Starting the new fiscal year on Oct. 1, Public Law 16-51 mandates the transition of the Department of Public Health into the new Commonwealth Health Corp. including the Rota and Tinian health centers.

Although the new Rota Health Center director believes that there are many "uncertainties" on this transition soon, he declined to give a formal position on the matter. Upon implementation, the government will provide a \$5 million seed money for the corporation to run its own operations, an amount described by many as not enough to help the new corporation stand on its own.

The Commonwealth Health Center was placed under a state of emergency on July 21 and it covered the Tinian and Rota health centers. This was made because of the imminent threat of disruption in the delivery of critical healthcare services and its ability to keep the doors open to healthcare facilities due to a severe cash shortage. This cash shortage, the declaration said, has resulted in arrears in payments to vendors of pharmaceutical, medical, dialysis, and food supplies.

As of last month, over \$100,000 reportedly is owed to them, covering several months of unpaid wages.

Maratita told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that last Saturday, these nurses received checks representing portion of the said arrears. He did not disclose

the amount, but admitted that it was made possible after the central government paid SAES last week.

The new resident director promised to continue to work collaboratively with the SAES to not jeopardize the healthcare delivery on the island. At present, he said the RHC has two physicians onboard and about seven nurses and midlevel providers.

Maratita said the mayor has assured that the municipality will do its best to address the financial concerns at the health center.

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18 students leave for World Youth Day celebration

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REPORTER

Eighteen students from Saipan embarked on a spiritual pilgrimage to Madrid, Spain to join thousands of other pilgrims for this year's World Youth Day celebration.

The students, 15 to 18 years old and accompanied by two priests and four adult chaperones, attended a special mass celebration on Saturday before flying out last Sunday.

Fr. Jim Gould, one of the two accompanying priests, said he hopes that the students will be able to renew their faith through

World Youth Day and share the experience with others who are not able to join the pilgrimage.

"My hope and my prayer is that they'll have renewed depth of their faith, that they will experience that they're not alone in their Catholic faith, that it will deepen their faith and their desire to serve the Church and their brothers and sisters, open their hearts to the Lord and inspire them, inflame them with His spirit and His love," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Gould said the group will have a full day of layover in Seoul, Korea before they head to Madrid where they will

stay at the San Genaro Parish. During the Seoul layover, the group will visit the Shrine of Korean Martyrs and other places of interest.

He said the group is divided into two subgroups, with one group to be led by Gould and the other group by Fr. Art Stoia.

Gould's group, which will visit the Shrine of St. James or other magnificent museums and churches in Madrid, will fly back on Aug. 27. Meanwhile, Stoia's group will visit the Shrines of St. James, Fatima, and Avila and will arrive on Sept. 1.

According to Gould, there were more students that initially

signed up for the pilgrimage but only 18 were able to get the finances needed for the trip. He thanked all individuals, organizations, and companies that supported the students.

Guadalupe Camacho, an incoming junior at Saipan Southern High School, disclosed that the group did a lot of fundraising events, including bake sales, concerts, garage sales, and raffles.

"At first, I didn't think I'd make it," said Camacho, 15. "But God is good. I feel good that I'm going."

Marianas High School student Mhark Apolinar said he's

very excited to see the pope, visit historic places, and meet new friends. "This trip is going to help enforce my faith in the Lord," he added.

Deveney dela Cruz, 17, said that while she is excited to be in a different country, she has high expectations about their trip.

3 men allegedly beat up man at tourist district

Two of three men were arrested on Thursday night shortly after they allegedly beat up a man for embarrassing their race at the tourist district in Garapan.

Nelson Anson Saimon, 24, and Alfonso Kintin, 34, were taken to the Superior Court yesterday on charges of assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo imposed a \$1,500 cash bail each for the defendants' temporary release.

As of press time, it was not clear yet whether the third suspect, Sanchiro Sigfriet, was arrested.

Detective Catherine B. Pangelinan stated in her report that two police officers responded to Coral Avenue in western Garapan on Thursday at 11:37pm after the Department of Public Safety received a call about four men fighting in front of a hotel.

One officer spotted the victim, Aurelio Rayong, walking toward a restaurant. He had no shirt on and wore only short pants. His nose and left cheek were bloodied and his lips were swollen.

A witness pointed to the location of three suspects. Kintin tried to run away, but because he was limping he rested on a bench along Paseo De Marianas, where an officer caught him.

The witness said the victim was walking north and stopped by a public trash can in front of a restaurant.

Kintin shouted in Chuukese at the victim. Kintin then al-

"I think it's really going to have a big impact on my faith because although I am a Catholic, there's still a lot for me to learn because I'm a young individual. I think this is definitely going to strengthen my love of god and my understanding of my faith," she said.



The Saipan delegation for World Youth Day pose for a group photo after a special mass held at the Mount Carmel Parish last Saturday. The group left on Aug. 14 to join thousands of other young Catholic faithful for this year's spiritual pilgrimage to Madrid, Spain.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP11-OHS-123-EOC

SUBMISSION: SEPTEMBER 07, 2011 • TIME: 2:00 P.M.

"WORKSTATIONS AND FURNITURE FOR THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER"

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FOR HOMELAND SECURITY

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAM
DIRECTOR, P&S

**Procurement And Supply
CNMI Government**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP11-OHS-129-EOC

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Copies of the RFP package may be obtained at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply in Lower Base Drive, Saipan during regular working hours.

A mandatory site visit will take place on August 25, 2011 at 1:00 P.M. at the CNMI's Emergency Operations Center. Failure to attend the mandatory site visit shall result in the disqualification of prospective offeror.

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/s/ Marvin K. Seman
Special Assistant for Homeland Security

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Director, P&S

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**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
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A jury trial began yesterday in the lawsuit filed in federal court by a dentist against Dental Care and its owners, who also filed a counter claim against her.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge Mark Bennett presided over the jury trial of Dr. Masha Maxim, a Canadian dentist.

Attorney Stephen Nutting is counsel for Maxim. Attorneys Michael Dotts and Ramon Quichocho are representing defendants Dental Care and its owners, Rodney Stewart and Scot Thompson.

When *Saipan Tribune* left the courtroom yesterday afternoon, attorney Dotts was still conducting the defendants'

In August 2006, police arrested Saimon again, for allegedly stealing a vehicle belonging to a Chinese man in Garapan and engaged police officers in a car chase in Chalan Kanoa. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

Dentist's lawsuit vs dental clinic and owners begins

opening statements.

Maxim is suing Dental Care and its owners for terminating her and for allegedly failing to make good of their promises. She is demanding a total of \$386,000 in lost wages and damages from her former employers.

Thompson filed a counter-claim against Maxim for allegedly assaulting him in the clinic. He is seeking \$80,000 from Maxim for lost income and damages.

In his recent order, Judge Bennett ruled that there is no need to conduct a separate trial in Maxim's lawsuit and Thompson's counterclaim. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

30 volunteers graduate from CCA training program

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REPORTER

The six-week breast and cervical cancer health outreach training program of the Commonwealth Cancer Association culminated with a graduation ceremony held at the Fiesta Resort & Spa on Saturday.

Board members, trainers, and supporters joined the 28 of the 30 volunteers present at the ceremony.

The volunteers are Anna Liza Gallego, Benilda Natividad, Christine Marie Sanchez, DB Khadka, Dyenina



CLARISSA V. DAVID

Commonwealth Cancer Association volunteers for the breast and cervical cancer health outreach training program pose with board members, trainers, and supporters during their graduation ceremony at the Fiesta Resort & Spa last Saturday.

Ruth Diaz, Ebenida Phillip, Frances Hofsneider, Giselle Butalid, Harris Enriquez, Hedwig Hofsneider, Hilma Castro, Viveka Rose Castro, Jean D'Lonsod, Joselito Lazaro, Katrina Demapan, Lorraine Catienza, Lucy Palacios, Mark Kevin Leomo, Naomi Benjamin, Nadia Benjamin, Nicole Benjamin Sablan, Normita Cabalbag, Rachelle Alturas, Shannon Hofsneider, Sunny Loma, Tapita Tebuteb, Victoria Guerrero, Victoria Syed, Rosita Waldron, and Margarita Torres Aldan.

A native of Nepal, D.B. Khadka said he always wanted to get involved in the community that's why he decided to sign up for the training program.

"I'm learning something new for my studies and, at the same time, I can reach out to people in the community," said the nurs-

ing student at Northern Marianas College.

As Matus resident Hilma Castro, who is also a NMC nursing student, said she wanted to help eradicate the fatal disease which has affected her family.

She decided to bring along to the training her 11-year-old daughter, Viveka Rose "Rosie" Castro, who became the group's youngest volunteer.

"To me, I thought the healthy lifestyle was the best thing to learn because my mom is really trying to teach us about the healthy lifestyle [while] we're young. I know that when you get older, it's harder to change how your lifestyle is," said the younger Castro.

She added that she hopes to do short presentations about what she learned from the training so that other students can learn as well, beginning with Rosie's

school at Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School.

All volunteers had undergone training in various areas, including Basics of Breast & Cervical Cancer; Breast & Cervical Screening Program; Patient Privacy Rights & Sensitivity Training; and Life Beyond Cancer.

Tina Sablan, CCA program manager, said the group of volunteers was divided into five subgroups. Three subgroups will focus on the student population, one on promoting mammograms among women 40 and older, and one group on their mass media campaign.

"We have a real diversity of people that had come out to do outreach with the [CCA] to promote breast and cervical health in the community," she said. "We're really looking forward to the great work that we're going to be doing together."

For his part, CCA board chair Bud White said they are proud of all the work the volunteers have put into the program.

"We're excited about taking our message out to the community and getting cancer awareness more widely distributed to all people and we're interested in prevention, early detection, support of cancer patients, and support of cancer survivors and their families," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

According to White, every family in the Commonwealth

will be unfortunately touched by cancer, one way or another. "We just want that to be as minimum as possible," he said.

White said they plan to do another training "probably in another year" and get more people involved. "We want to grow it more and more," he added.

The training program was funded through an \$18,000 competitive grant from the Pacific Center of Excellence in the Elimination of Disparities based at the University of Hawaii.

Pacific CEED aims to develop a comprehensive model program that promotes the elimination of health disparities that are unequally borne by racial and ethnic populations within the U.S. Affiliated Pacific Island populations, namely Guam, American Samoa, CNMI, Marshall Islands, Palau, and the Federated States of Micronesia.

"Really, the work begins now in trying to help out with getting women screened for breast and cervical cancer and raising the awareness and education. The training was just the beginning," said Curtis Jamison, program specialist who attended the ceremony.

Jamison added that they will also provide technical assistance to CCA and the volunteer group to ensure sustainability and success of the outreach program.

Flores: Hawaii workshop will benefit community

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

Local agencies must do spatial planning and assessment on its vast marine resources to ensure its protection and sustainability, according to Mayor Donald Flores.

Flores recently attended the Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning Workshop conducted by the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council in Hawaii from July 31 to Aug. 4.

He said Tinian Mayor Ramon dela Cruz and Division of Fish and Wildlife's Richard Seman also attended the workshop.

The mayor noted that the travel was paid for by the council.

Flores said the workshop convened marine experts and government officials from various Pacific islands to learn about marine planning, spatial allocation or zoning, and identifying areas of conflict and strategies, among others.

"The workshop put together people from the Pacific region to work on having a management plan to protect the reef, identify goals and objectives, identify our marine resources' current state, and come up with a solution address issues and problems," Flores told *Saipan Tribune*.

According to Flores, these issues and problems could not be solved by only one agency or person.

"We will coordinate and assist the responsible agency in defining the problem, making a plan, and implementing it," he said.

Flores said his attendance at the workshop enabled him to establish a network with other participants. "Now I can communicate with them so that if we have situation, we can always get assistance from them," he said.

The mayor added that the CNMI must avail of opportunities that could be beneficial to the community such as the workshop.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



Happy birthday to Elizabeth Miyata. Greetings from your JHEMS Family.
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Happy birthday to our lovely grandma, Lola Tomokane. We love and miss you so much! Sending you lots of love from Germany. Greetings from Wes, Mart, Loleen, and Esah.
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New nonprofit aims to help entrepreneurs

Based in the CNMI, the Island Renew Project opened its doors in July of this year. The nonprofit's mission is to improve the lives of island residents through the fostering of economic sustainability and job creation.

Even though the CNMI faces challenging times, IRP believes islands are full of tal-

ented people with great ideas and big dreams. These aspiring entrepreneurs are the key to the Commonwealth's economic recovery and will be the engine of growth in the CNMI.

In the coming months, IRP will offer "plug and play" technologies that significantly lower the barriers and costs of start-

ing a new business. These tools will be offered at cost and will enhance the abilities of local entrepreneurs to promote and manage their business.

IRP is offering free workshops and informational seminars with our local partners in the coming months. These sessions are a chance for anyone who has ever

considered starting a business to learn more.

To learn more about the Island Renew Project, the company's available services and upcoming events please visit www.islandrenewproject.org. The company can also be reached at info@islandrenewproject.org. (PR)

SHRM meeting to discuss changes to EEO law affecting CNMI

The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) CNMI Chapter is pleased to announce its August general membership lunch meeting topic "Changes to the Equal Employment Opportunity Law That Affect the CNMI," which will be presented by Derek W. Li, senior trial attorney for the Los Angeles District Office of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). The lunch meeting will be

held at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Hibiscus Room on Friday, Aug. 19, from 11:30am to 1:30pm.

This timely presentation is open to the public and will be an invaluable opportunity for both employers and employees to learn about updates to Equal Employment Opportunity law and the roles of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). Li will discuss important topics such as:

■ Trends in EEOC charges and

fines;

- Supreme Court update on class certification and class action, retaliation, and the Cat's Paw Theory;
- Credit and background checks;
- Impact of the economy on older workers;
- Human trafficking and forced labor;
- Caregiver discrimination;
- Pregnancy discrimination, and other topics.

The EEOC is responsible for enforcing federal laws that make it illegal to discriminate against a job applicant or an employee because of the person's race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), national origin, age (40 and older), disability or genetic information. It is also illegal to discriminate against a person because the person complained about discrimination, filed a

charge of discrimination, or participated in an employment discrimination investigation or lawsuit. Equal Opportunity Law applies to all types of work situations, including hiring, firing, promotions, harassment, training, wages, and benefits. If individuals and/or organizations do not follow EEO laws, they can find themselves in litigation with the federal government and face costly settlements and claims for punitive damages. You won't want to miss this opportunity to brush up on the newest changes to EEO law by attending this presentation.

The presentation includes lunch and the cost is \$20 for SHRM members and \$30 for non-members. Seats are limited, so reserve your seat by contacting Polly DLG Masga at 237-5122 or e-mail her at pollydlg@gmail.com. (SHRM)

Vendor registration for Cool Roof Program now open

All vendors interested in participating in the CNMI's Residential Cool Roof Rebate Program are being invited by the Division of Energy to register as a Qualified Participating Vendor of cool roof technology. Qualified vendors will have the opportunity to apply cool roof technology to approximately 200 residential homes on Saipan.

To participate and qualify as a registered participating vendor in the program, interested vendors must meet the following minimum requirements and must be able to perform the services, as stated below:

1. Must be a certified applicant of cool roof technology.

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4. Must provide the following in order to register for the program:

a. Letter of Application to participate in the Residential Cool Roof Rebate Program

b. Completed Vendor Participation Agreement

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d. Copy of certification as

a Certified Applicator of Cool Roof Systems Technology

e. Copy of valid CNMI Business License

f. Copy of most recent Application for Letter of Compliance and/or Tax Clearance

5. Must agree to adhere to any and all additional requirements of the Program.

Letters of Requests to participate in the Program must be addressed to Thelma B. Inos, director, CNMI Energy Division Office and must also include a statement certifying that the minimum requirements are met and that the above services could be performed.

Letters shall be submitted to and received by the CNMI Energy Division Office (EECBG), located at Springs Plaza Development Building along Chalan Pale Arnold Highway, Saipan, MP 96950 no later than 4:30pm on Aug. 26, 2011.

A mandatory presentation for vendors will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2011 at 10am. Prior to this mandatory presentation, copies of the Terms and Conditions of the Residential Cool Roof Rebate Program may be picked up at the CNMI Energy Division Office (EECBG), located at the Springs Plaza Development Building on Chalan Pale Arnold Highway, Saipan.

Funding opportunities for the project is made possible from an ARRA grant through the US Department of Energy-Energy, Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program. (PR)



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Ann Marie Gawel poses with Dr. Doug Boucher from the Union of Concerned Scientists after she received her award for "Honorable Distinction in Ecoservice."

UOG's Gawel receives Ecological Society of America service award

Ann Marie Gawel, a graduate student pursuing her master's degree in biology at the University of Guam, recently received the Honorable Distinction in Ecoservice award from the Ecological Society of America Student Section and the Union of Concerned Scientists.

Five young scientists received awards for their contributions to the discipline of ecology that have extended beyond the realm of academia and into the broader communities of which they are a part during the annual conference of the Ecological

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Aug. 16, 1999

OIA public relations campaign damaged CNMI—Reyes

Senate Floor Leader Pete P. Reyes has stepped up his criticisms against the Office of Insular Affairs with a letter to U.S. Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska) in which he slammed the agency for its alleged role in a political campaign that used CNMI issues as a weapon against GOP legislators. "Actions aimed at political damage to those who have seen fit to take the CNMI's side on our relationship with Washington seem to us just another part of an ongoing, questionable, federally-funded campaign by (OIA) against our best local interests," he said. The statement was part of the letter to Young, chair of the House Resources Committee, which is currently conducting an investigation against key OIA officials for possible violations of the Hatch Act.

DPS steps up campaign to curb illegal drugs

With the recent report of increase in sale of 'ice' on the island, Public Safety Commissioner Charles W. Ingram has ordered his men to be more vigilant in monitoring the illegal drug activity. "We are constantly on alert in gathering intelligence report to stop this kind of activity which is a menace to society," said Ingram. While admitting that it would be difficult to totally eliminate the sale of illegal drugs, Ingram said authorities can reduce the problem by making sure that it is no longer economically feasible to acquire these substances. At the same time, the DPS chief said he is opposing moves by some groups to legalize the use of marijuana on the island because in fear it would only contribute to the breakdown of family system here.

Aug. 16, 2000

CPA earmarks \$1-M for airport CIP

The Commonwealth Ports Authority has set aside \$1 million to finance the Capital Improvement Projects at the airport division in Saipan, Rota and Tinian for Fiscal Year 2001. Of this amount, Saipan has the biggest share with \$817,154; \$129,356 for Rota and \$94,450 for Tinian. This amount is on top of the \$8.1 million to be funded by 702 CIP Funds for various CPA projects. So far, only Saipan International Airport is the only one that serves international air carriers. Rota and Tinian airports only serve two commuter carriers between Saipan and Guam. At the Seaport division, an estimated \$68,400 has been set aside to finance projects at Saipan Harbor which is in addition to the \$729,000 to be funded by the 1998 bond money.

Bill seeking to regulate trust companies OK'd

Legislation seeking to regulate trust companies based on the islands cleared the House of Representatives yesterday, setting into motion a plan to lure Asian and U.S. investors with millions of dollars in trust accounts. HB 12-82, sponsored by Rep. William S. Torres, came just as Guam successfully attracted initial investments of \$40 million from trust companies in the U.S. with the recent signing of the law regulating the financial sector. The measure seeks to establish a mechanism to regulate and license trust companies that will be based here in order to protect public interest, while ensuring efficiency in the delivery in this type of service.

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First Hawaiian Bank donates to Club 200

The American Red Cross is proud to announce that First Hawaiian Bank continues to support Club 200. This year the bank is contributing \$1,000 for the event. According to Jocelyn DL Guerrero, ARC chair and Club 200 co-chair, the Club 200 event raises 60 percent of the budget of the NMI Chapter. "We depend on the generosity of businesses and individuals of the Commonwealth to raise the funds needed to provide our Disaster Services, Health & Safety Services, and Armed Forces Emergency Services to the community", she said. The American Red Cross is not a government agency. Donations like the one from First Hawaiian Bank will stay on-island to support all disaster relief activities and other services provided by the NMI Chapter.

OPA: Retirement Fund overcharged

A private contractor hired by the Northern Mariana Island Retirement Fund has overcharged the Fund by \$9,586 through overstated monthly billings and double billings. This was the result of an audit conducted by the Office of the Public Auditor on the billings incurred by the Fund under a professional services contract covering October 1, 1996 to February 29, 2000.

Coral Reef Initiative summer interns paint bus stop

Coast Guard participates in Gupot Y Peskadot

GUAM—Coast Guard Station Apra Harbor and Auxiliary members spread the message of safe boating together at the 13th Annual Fisherman's Festival hosted by the Guam Fishermen's Cooperative Association.

The Coast Guard's message was a perfect fit to Sunday's events as fishermen prepare to take to the water next week to compete in the Guam Marianas International Fishing Derby.

Station Apra Harbor gave tours of its Defender Class Response Boat Small (RB-S) and talked to youth about the Coast Guard's mission and the importance of life jackets when out on the water.

Boatswain's Mate Steven Knappe from Station Apra Harbor added, "We came here to talk with the boating public about safety and left with stories from fishermen who have supported their families for decades from the waters around Guam. We are honored to be welcomed by the local fishing community to this festival."

As boating traffic is expected to increase as Guam celebrates its strong fishing culture this month, Rudy Salas,



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Fireman Kim Branco from Station Apra Harbor gives a tour of the 25-foot Response Boat and talks with local youth about the Coast Guard's mission.

a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary urged boaters to, "Educate yourself, even if you think you know how to boat safely, there is always something new to learn and always room for a life jacket on board your boat."

The Coast Guard Auxiliary's main mission is Recreation Boating Safety which is carried out by educating the public on safe boating practices through outreach and classes, and ensuring mariners have the appropriate life saving gear on board. Each year, Auxiliaries volunteer more than two million hours contributing to the safety and security of our

citizens, ports, waterways, and coastal regions in Guam and across the Nation.

For more information on how to join your local Flotilla, please visit: <http://join.cgaux.org/>.

Coast Guard Sector Guam would like to say good luck to all the participants in the Guam Marianas International Fishing Derby. Mariners are reminded to maintain basic safety equipment aboard their vessels and make reports of marine emergencies by contacting the Coast Guard Sector Guam Command Center on VHF Channel 16, or by calling 671-564-USCG. (USCG)

Amanda Santos, 17, took on an exciting project this summer as part of her Coral Reef Initiative (CRI) internship at the Coastal Resources Management Office (CRM). A few weeks into the job, and with inspiration from the new marine life mural at American Memorial Park, Santos approached her mentor with an idea to paint a nearby bus stand both to beautify the area and to educate students on the importance of our beaches and marine life.

With support from CRM's administrator and the commissioner of the Public Schools System, the bus stand began its transformation.

With the help of other CRI interns and local artist Aaron James Q. Tomokane, 18, who volunteered his time, the project progressed. Design themes were brainstormed and four painting days were scheduled in mid-July. Tomokane did all final design work for the bus stand and detailed paint work, while Amanda and her peers made all preparations, and did much of the painting themselves.

The mural inside the bus stand shows the island's abundant marine life, and outside scenes depict the beauty of our island above water. Though not visible from the road, the back of the bus stand shows Primo,

a yellow-crowned butterfly fish which is found only in the Marianas Islands and has become a symbol of our need to protect fragile marine habitats. Text on the front of the bus stop was contributed by Santos herself as part of CRM's Clean Beaches slogan competition.

"I hope when students see the mural they remember how important coral reefs are to the CNMI, and that protecting our reefs and beaches will also protect the fish that we depend on," said Santos.

The bus stop is located in Gualo Rai in front of the Springs Plaza building where the CRM office is located. (PR)



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The bus stop painted by interns of the Coral Reef Initiative is located in Gualo Rai in front of the Springs Plaza building where the CRM office is located.



**Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works**

2nd Floor Joeten Commercial Building, Gualo Rai, Saipan, MP 96950

**INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW11-IFB-015**

LAOLAO BAY DRIVE STREAM CROSSINGS AND BOLLARDS

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) are soliciting sealed bids for the construction of Laolao Bay Drive Stream Crossings and Bollards, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. This project is funded by an American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) grant administered by the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The project consists, in general, of improvement of six (6) stream crossings at specified locations, and installation of 250 linear feet of bollard-and-cable type barriers in four (4) locations along the public beach area of Laolao Bay, and other related work, all in accordance with the plans, specifications, and terms of the contract.

The project package will be available on CD-ROM on or after **August 9, 2011** at the DEQ main office, Gualo Rai Center, Gualo Rai, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the project package at DEQ. All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner on Capitol Hill. Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001. This is federally funded project; as such, local preference is not available because its use is prohibited by federal law granting funding for this project.

There will be a Pre-bid Conference for this project on **August 25, 2011**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the main DEQ conference room (second floor). Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m., local time on **August 31, 2011** to Mr. Frank M. Rabauliman Director, Division of Environmental Quality, Gualo Rai Center, P.O. Box 501304, Saipan, MP 96950-1304. Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that the full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to Mr. Frank M. Rabauliman Director, Division of Environmental Quality, Gualo Rai Center, P.O. Box 501304, Saipan, MP 96950-1304. The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who have obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgement of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/38 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.

Sealed bids must be marked "DPW11-IFB-015". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **September 5, 2011**. Bidders located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **September 5, 2011**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@picom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postedmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **September 5, 2011**, and must be received no later than **September 14, 2011**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, **September 19, 2011**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. local time, on **September 8, 2011**. For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. A surety company shall hold the Certificate of Authority (COA) from the U.S. Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General and must accompany the bid. Bid security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC). The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with NMAC §70-30.3-301 of the Procurement Regulations. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. The surety company providing the Performance and Payment bonds must hold a Certificate of Authority from the U.S. Department of Treasury as an acceptable surety and must be authorized to conduct business in the CNMI. In addition, the contractor will be required to deliver a certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments or other bond obligations) exceeded the penal amount of each bond.

Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Fifty (150)** calendar days upon issuance of an official written Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed at Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) per calendar day for delays beyond the established completion date. All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ MARTIN C. SABLAN
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply

/s/ FRANK M. RABAULIMAN
Director, Division of Environmental Quality

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director



**INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-11-050**

REHABILITATION OF SEWER LIFT STATION NO. S-3

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the rehabilitation and upgrade of Sewer Lift Station in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists, in general of the rehabilitation and upgrade of Sewer Lift Station No. 3 located in Lower Base, Saipan. The work shall be done not to disrupt the daily operation of the sewer discharge. The work is inclusive of rehabilitation of the wet well, replacement of pumps, guide rails, control panel cleanup of the basins, repair, replacement, rehabilitation of pipeline, pipes, reconditioning of generator, asphalt paving, etc. CUC requires the Project to be completed in **180 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

The Bid Package and Scope-of-Work may be picked-up, upon receipt of a deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$ 100.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit will be held on **August 19, 2011 at 1:00 PM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.10, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Seven (7) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-11-049, Rehabilitation of Sewer Lift Station No. S-3" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 12, 2011**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 30 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code. Please refer to other bidding requirements described in Document 00200 - Instructions to Bidders.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 24, 2011** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - msablan@cucgov.net with a copy to Commander, Kenneth Esplin, Water/Wastewater Engineer via email kenneth_esplin@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant - mika_muna@cucgov.net.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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East African famine shows limits of aid, promise of smarter food policy

With the stock market gyrating, unemployment a constant worry and housing in a depression, Americans hardly can be blamed for ignoring East Africa.

Yet Americans must not ignore the humanitarian disaster unfolding among some of the world's neediest citizens. An estimated 12 million people require immediate emergency assistance to survive. Belatedly, the U.S. has stepped up its efforts to deliver food and provide simple health care. That will make a life-and-death difference, and our compassionate nation has no choice but to act.

Going forward, however, what's needed most is a sensible global food policy.

Blaming drought for the starvation wiping out Somali children by the thousands is like blaming the sun for burning someone marooned in the desert all day. Conditions were ripe for disaster long before disaster struck.

Many problems in the Horn of Africa stem from poverty, dysfunctional government and the cruelty of the region's warring factions. Even in the midst of suffering and death, the militant Islamic group al-Shabab has blocked most aid organizations from carrying out their missions to parts of Somalia. Aid workers operate—bravely—under the threat of deadly violence.

Some of the problems, however, stem from the developed world. The price of food has skyrocketed, driven by mediocre harvests and high costs for production and transportation. On Thursday, the U.S. Agriculture Department slashed its forecasts for this year's harvests of corn, wheat and soybeans. Severe shortages loom.

Less obvious factors contribute to the famine too. It's unconscionable for the U.S. to continue subsidizing the diversion of its corn crop into ethanol fuel as grain prices in East Africa soar. Trade barriers hurt as well, reducing access to staple goods available on the open market. Above all, the world has failed to harness science to produce more food in developing nations. Advances in biotechnology, plant breeding and farming techniques hold tremendous, unrealized promise for boosting food security across the globe.

Racing in to address catastrophes after they're well under way is the wrong approach. For starters, it's costly. Congress has to cut spending, and foreign aid is a likely target. The reality of America's soaring debt will make it impossible for the nation to address every future emergency with the same abundant resources it had at its disposal in the past. The current political strategy of waiting until conditions become so terrible that no one reasonably can object to sending aid strikes us not only as immoral, but inefficient. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton announced a \$17 million boost in U.S. aid to East Africa on Thursday—too late to save tens of thousands.

To her credit, Clinton acknowledged that U.S. policy needs to focus on breaking the cycle of crop failure and starvation. Providing better systems for agricultural water use and access to drought-resistant seeds would help dramatically, not to mention sharing the know-how that makes American farmers so successful. Give East Africans the tools they need to improve productivity within the limits of their often-harsh environment: That's the best way to head off the next crisis.

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Berlin Wall: A blessing in disguise

On Saturday, Germany marked the 50th anniversary of one of the biggest and grimmest construction projects in history—the building of the Berlin Wall. Photographs of the wall, which overnight brutally severed streets, rail lines and families, have been on display in front of Berlin government buildings for several months. On Saturday, the memorial events included a wreath-laying ceremony honoring the victims of the former communist East German government.

The 20th anniversary of the fall of the wall, in 2009, attracted a lot more attention in the United States. It was a victory we like to claim, especially triumphalist conservatives. It seemed to vindicate Ronald Reagan's assertive approach toward the Soviet Union—the Reagan who in perhaps the most iconic moment of his presidency demanded at the Brandenburg Gate in 1987, "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!"

But the right has constructed a bogus version of history. The toppling of the wall in 1989 had little to do with Reagan, and even less to do with bellicose confrontation.

In the actual event, it was something of a fluke—the result of miscommunication between East German leaders and border guards who unilaterally decided to let easterners and westerners move freely across the border. In broader terms, it was diplomatic caution that helped lead to the collapse of the Soviet empire. In retrospect, for all its tragedy and hatefulness, the Berlin Wall was something of a geopolitical blessing in disguise.

The Cold War is often depicted as an era of stability, but Berlin was a flash point that Soviet and Western leaders feared could trigger atomic war. The Soviet Union regarded Berlin as its personal prize: At an enormous cost in lives, the Red Army had single-handedly liberated Berlin from the Nazis in 1945. Supreme Allied Commander Dwight D. Eisenhower ordered American and British troops to hold back and was content to let the Soviets absorb the brunt of the attack.

After the war in Europe ended, Josef Stalin, Harry Truman and Clement Attlee met in Potsdam, outside Berlin, where they formally divided their conquered territory into what would become East and West Germany. Berlin, an island in the eastern sector, was also divided. Once the Cold War began, Stalin tried to starve the west side of the city with a blockade that lasted 11 months in 1948 and 1949. Truman responded with the Berlin airlift, and West Berlin became a powerful symbol of Western resolve.

But Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, who called the continued existence of West Berlin a "bone in my throat," was determined to solve the problem. He made a variety of bloodcurdling threats about the possibility of nuclear war over Berlin and bullied the inexperienced President John F. Kennedy when they met in Vienna in June 1961. "He savaged me," Kennedy acknowledged privately.

The stakes could not have been higher. Khrushchev and East German leader Walter Ulbricht faced a potential catastrophe: Tens of thousands of East Germans were voting with their feet, heading for the western sector and especially West Berlin. Khrushchev signed off on Ulbricht's plan to create a national prison in the form of a wall, a sinister but effective solution—and not one that the Western powers were prepared to challenge.

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On the contrary, Kennedy had it right when he warned his aides, "It's not a very nice solution, but a wall is a hell of a lot better than a war." Even the patriarchal West German leader at the time, Konrad Adenauer, conceded, focusing not on the East but on closer ties with France and America. Only Willy Brandt, the youthful mayor of West Berlin in the early 1960s, pushed hard against the divide, ultimately enunciating a policy of detente with the East as the only way to bring about unification of the two Germanys.

As the socialist German chancellor in the 1970s, Brandt presided over "change through closeness." A web of economic and other ties were established between East and West Germany. Relatives from East and West were allowed to contact one another. Brandt also reached out to the Eastern bloc and the Soviet Union to show genuine repentance for Nazi war crimes. Every subsequent German leader followed Brandt's path.

The wall forced West Germans to face reality: The U.S. wasn't going to war over the Berlin Wall; East Germany wasn't going away; and trying to isolate it would only strengthen the hand of communist hard-liners. The shrewder policy was to encourage as much contact as possible with the West. The more East Germany was exposed to the West, the more it was coaxed out of its communist shell. The idea promulgated by the Eastern hard-liners, that West Germany was a military threat on the order of Nazi Germany, became increasingly implausible. Ultimately, detente amounted to a liberation policy.

Absent Brandt's insistence on detente, a new generation in the Kremlin, led by Mikhail Gorbachev, would never have had the confidence to allow East Germany to reunite with the West. Instead, they might well have clung to the vision of West Germany as a hotbed of revisionist Nazis that Stalin's and Khrushchev's generation saw.

Germany and the U.S. have drawn widely varying conclusions from the fall of the wall. German political leaders believe that diplomacy is the key to the spread of democracy, which is why Germany opposed the Iraq war and abstained from endorsing NATO's Libya venture.

Obviously, there are times when military action is imperative. But the true lesson of the Berlin Wall is that reaching out to the East did not amount, as conservatives constantly claimed, to a policy of appeasement. The wall created the stability between the superpowers that was the precondition for the peaceful demise of communism several decades later. The rollback of communist Eastern Europe that conservatives championed occurred mainly because of diplomacy.

Had the West followed the right's advice and tried to bludgeon the Soviets into submission, the Berlin Wall might be standing today.

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The political origins of the Somalia famine

The devastating famine in Somalia is not a natural phenomenon but a man-made one. Political and military intervention over the last decade made the Somali people extremely vulnerable. The drought simply pushed them over the edge.

The culprits are the U.S. war on terror, the al-Shabab terrorist group, Somalia's transitional federal government, Ethiopia's invasion of Somalia and, finally, the United Nations. The combined activities of these actors led to the exhaustion of local food resources and delayed or denied assistance from outside until massive starvation was reported.

The U.S. agenda in Somalia has been to fight Islamic terrorists. Since the bombings of the American embassies in East Africa in 1998, the United States has conducted clandestine operations to snatch terrorists and destroy their routes in Somalia. In the process, the United States sought assistance from the country's warlords in 2005. Somalis despised this alliance and turned against it under the leadership of the Union of Islamic Courts in 2006. This union defeated the warlords and restored peace to southern Somalia. Recklessly, America and its Ethiopian ally claimed that these Islamists were terrorists and, therefore, a menace to the region. In contrast,

the majority of Somalis pleaded with the international community to engage the union peacefully.

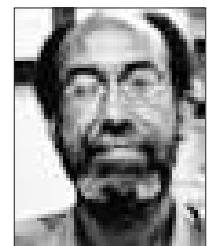
But the American-supported Ethiopian invasion of Somalia in 2006 dashed Somalia's only chance in 16 years to restore a national government of its own. The invasion displaced more than 1 million people and killed 15,000 civilians. Those displaced are part of today's famine victims.

The international community picked up where the Ethiopians left off by designing a new transitional government led by the faction of the union most amenable to the American agenda. The transitional government has marginalized the militias that forced the Ethiopian withdrawal. And it has become known for its corruption, incompetence and internal strife, and has been oblivious to the devastating famine. It has yet to articulate a plan of action to rescue the population in this gruesome hour.

Al-Shabab has become the dominant military force in southern Somalia. It declared its affiliation with al-Qaida, and American forces have consequently targeted it. Al-Shabab wants to establish an Islamic state, but it has failed to create a rudimentary administration to provide services for the population. Most insidiously, it continues to deny the existence of significant famine conditions in the area. And the United

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Nations and the United States have blocked food shipment to the areas that al-Shabab controls in order to deny them these supplies.

The callous uses of military and political power against poor people have produced a catastrophic famine. Altering the behavior of the powerful will be tantamount to a revolution, and al-Shabab's retreat from Mogadishu (Somalia's capital) provides an opportunity.

But before such a transformation can be imagined, lives must be saved. The international community must immediately provide food to the villages. Then what is urgently required is the establishment of an accountable Somali government, since that is the best defense against famine and terrorism.

Voice of protest in Israel says enough is enough

For the last few weeks, Israel has been experiencing an unprecedented phenomenon: Hundreds of thousands of people are rallying in the streets, demanding social justice. The numbers are mind-boggling: 300,000 Israelis is the equivalent of 18 million Americans. And this is not a one-shot rally. The protesters have settled in tents in the main boulevards of the major cities, and they insist on staying until the government yields to their pressure.

While around Israel peoples of the Middle East are fighting their oppressive regimes, and otherwise tranquil Great Britain is now shattered by violent riots, the Israeli protest is relatively calm. However, behind the generally good mood and civilized behavior of the protesters lie serious grievances. This is the Israeli middle class saying for the first time enough is enough. These are the people who serve in the IDF, who pay taxes and who want to live in Israel and raise their kids here, but find it more and more difficult.

When I was a kid, my family was poor, except that I didn't know that, because everybody around us looked the same. Houses were modest, kids would transfer their clothes to their younger brothers and sisters and very few people had cars. We used to ride buses, or walk. I'm not romanticizing anything here. All the kids in my class were like that.

However, when I browse in the surveys of the Israeli Central Bureau of Statistics, I find interesting data: In order to buy their house, my parents had to spend a sum equal to 20 months' pay. Today, my kids have to work five times more, in order to have a house of their own. In other words, while they seem to be living in a more-affluent society, the division of wealth has shifted so drastically that their chances of gaining socioeconomic stability have diminished.

Housing is only one in a long list of problems. Social services are so expensive, and so are basic consumer products. Young couples

find it difficult to raise more than two children, fearing they will not be able to support them. Unless, of course, they belong to the ultra-orthodox community, whose participation in the workforce is marginal, but its dependence on the national treasury is high. Right now, the protesters, wishing to be inclusive, haven't demanded yet that this unfair deal be stopped. Sooner or later, though, there will

When I was a kid, my family was poor, except that I didn't know that, because everybody around us looked the same. Houses were modest, kids would transfer their clothes to their younger brothers and sisters and very few people had cars. We used to ride buses, or walk. I'm not romanticizing anything here. All the kids in my class were like that.

rise an outcry, and an opportunity for a different, more-just allocation of public resources will present itself.

Political scientist Professor Tamar Herman, a senior fellow of the Israel Democracy Institute, says that the protesters have exhausted the first phase of their political protest—namely, venting their frustrations—and now have to move to the next stage: defin-

By URI DROMI
McClatchy Newspapers

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ing their goals and negotiating with the government. It seems that this is exactly where they are now. Away from the media attention, their leaders are conferring with experts from all walks of social and political life in Israel. Soon they will probably produce a manifesto, specifying their demands for social justice.

The government, for its part, established a committee of ministers and experts that was given the task of coming up with recommendations in few weeks. Easier said than done. However, if Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu views this committee as a ruse, a trick to buy time until something else regains the public agenda (like the expected recognition of a Palestinian state by the United Nations in September), he is making a major mistake. Governments perceived as deaf to the public's grievances pay dearly at the ballot box.

Even if Likud stays in power, it will have to refresh its platform, basically reclaiming its original social roots. Labor, which has been considered a dead horse up till today, may be resurrected. All parties will have to ponder the new slogan heard on the streets of Israel—"The people demand social justice!"—and find ways to incorporate some of it. For a country still facing great challenges, where solidarity is the key to survival, this is good news indeed.

For good karma, liberate animals from your diet

By PATTI TILLOTSON
PEOPLE FOR THE ETHICAL TREATMENT OF ANIMALS

Earlier this month, a group of Buddhists in Massachusetts rescued more than 500 lobsters who were destined for the dinner table and released them into the Atlantic Ocean. This action was done in honor of Wheel-Turning Day, the anniversary of the Buddha's first sermon and the teaching of the Four Noble Truths. Any merit gained by performing good deeds on this day is multiplied.

Many of us will never have an opportunity to liberate hundreds of lobsters. But regardless of our faith, we can all make a real and practical difference in animals' lives—and our own—at least three times a day by liberating animals from our diets. We can begin at breakfast.

The great religions of the world have always viewed animals as a special part of creation, but this is often forgotten when we sit down to eat.

The Quran, for example, preaches kindness toward animals, stating that Allah loves all living beings and that they must be treated

with compassion. According to the Quran, "There is not an animal on Earth, nor a bird that flies on its wings, but they are communities like you."

Pope Benedict XVI stated in an interview that the question of animal treatment is a crucial one for the faithful. Animals "are given into our care," he said, adding that "we cannot just do whatever we want with them. Animals, too, are God's creatures."

Buddhism also asks us to consider all sentient beings, reminding us that animals value their lives as we do and are no less capable of suffering. Explained one of the Massachusetts lobster liberators, "You're supposed to view them equally. Their happiness is as important as your happiness, their suffering is as important as your suffering."

Yet we seem to have a blind spot regarding the suffering of animals who are killed for our plates. In today's industrialized meat, fishing and dairy industries, chickens and turkeys have their throats cut while they're still conscious and able to feel pain. Fish are suffocated or cut open while they are still alive on the decks of fishing boats. Terrified calves are taken away from their mothers within hours of birth to be confined to veal crates. Lobsters are boiled alive.

If left alone, lobsters can live to be more than 100 years old. They

recognize individual lobsters, remember past acquaintances and have elaborate courtship rituals. Some help guide young lobsters across the ocean floor by holding claws in a line that can stretch for many yards.

Dr. Robert Elwood, a professor in the School of Biological Sciences at The Queen's University in Belfast, says that lobsters and other crustaceans possess "high cognitive ability and sentience" and can feel both pain and stress, as all animals do. And although theories abound, no one has ever come up with a satisfactory way to give a lobster a humane death.

The action by the Buddhists in Massachusetts is a gentle reminder that we should always strive to be kind, even to the "least of them." Showing kindness to animals by not eating them won't create instant global peace, but it will reduce the total suffering in the world and make us think about what more is possible.

Patti Tillotson, a practicing Buddhist, is a project coordinator for the PETA Foundation, 501 Front Street, Norfolk, Va. 23510; www.PETA.org. Information about PETA's funding may be found at www.peta.org/about/numbers.asp.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota Thundershowers	▲ 85 ▼ 78
Palau	Thunderstorms ▲ 85 ▼ 77
Yap	Thunderstorms ▲ 85 ▼ 77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms ▲ 82 ▼ 76
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms ▲ 85 ▼ 74
Kosrae	Rain ▲ 88 ▼ 77
Majuro	Showers ▲ 83 ▼ 77

Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲ 53 ▼ 46
Beijing	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 87 ▼ 70
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 90 ▼ 82
Honolulu	Sunny	▲ 87 ▼ 76
London	Cloudy	▲ 71 ▼ 59
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 82 ▼ 63
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 87 ▼ 77
Melbourne	Showers	▲ 56 ▼ 49
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 90 ▼ 78
New York	Thundershowers	▲ 80 ▼ 68
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲ 93 ▼ 81
Paris	Mostly Sunny	▲ 80 ▼ 59
Pusan	Thundershowers	▲ 85 ▼ 77
Rome	Sunny	▲ 89 ▼ 70
Salem	Sunny	▲ 87 ▼ 56
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 67 ▼ 57
Seoul	Thundershowers	▲ 81 ▼ 75
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲ 92 ▼ 81
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲ 89 ▼ 73

Tides

Sunrise/Sunset			Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	6:02 AM	6:40 PM	Today	8:04 PM	7:44 AM
Wednesday	6:03 AM	6:40 PM	Wednesday	8:40 PM	8:31 AM
Thursday	6:03 AM	6:39 PM	Thursday	9:17 PM	9:18 AM
Friday	6:03 AM	6:38 PM	Friday	9:55 PM	10:05 AM
Saturday	6:03 AM	6:38 PM	Saturday	10:36 PM	10:54 AM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 11, 2011

DEPARTURES

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

C09314 2:20am 2:50am 1, 5

SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)

C09315 4:25am 5:00am 1, 5

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

C09317 4:25am 5:15am 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
C09315 4:25am 6:00am 1, 5 via ROP
C09313 7:55am 8:45am 3, 6
C09313 8:30am 9:20am 1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09601 12:10pm 1:00pm 1, 4, 5, 7
C09603 3:05pm 3:55pm 1, 2, 4, 5, 7
5K386 5:50pm 6:40pm 4
C09605 6:35pm 7:25pm Daily
C09599 9:35pm 10:25pm Daily
5K382 11:30pm 12:20am+1 1, 5

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

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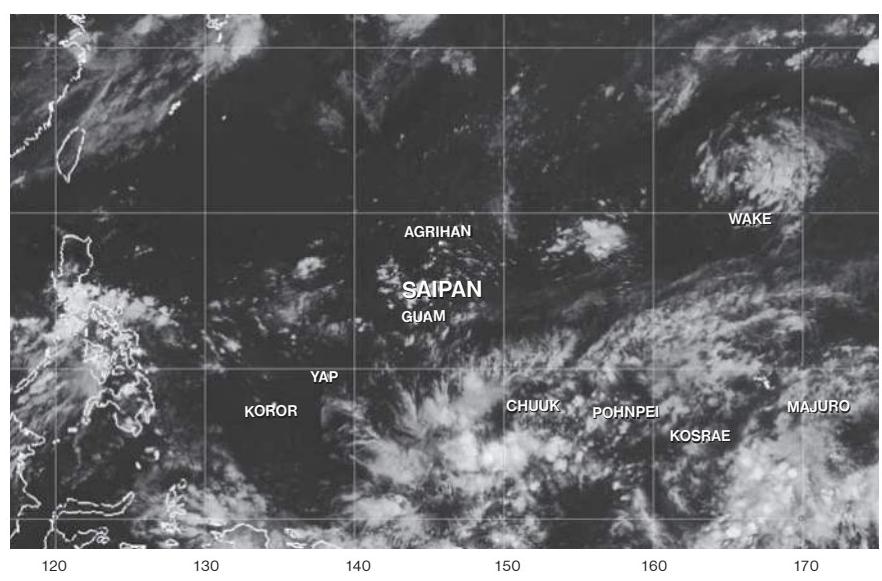
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GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

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5K387 6:30am 7:20am 3, 4, 7
C09596 6:35am 7:25am 3, 6
C09596 7:00am 7:50am 1, 2, 4, 5, 7
5K389 8:00am 8:50am 5
C09600 10:05am 10:55am 1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09602 1:40pm 2:30pm 1, 4, 5, 7
C09604 5:10pm 6:00pm Daily
C09606 8:10pm 9:00pm Daily

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2011

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A weak monsoon trough extends from between Yap and Koror near 10N135E southeastward to 3N140E and into a southwest-northeast oriented surface trough anchored just west of Chuuk. Pockets of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with the trough are located in a small area between Yap and Koror and also between 1N and 7N from 139E to 145E and in the area between Chuuk and Guam from 7N to 11N between 147E and 154E. Surface convergence southeast of the trough is helping to generate an area of scattered to isolated showers and a few pockets of thunderstorms in Pohnpei state from the equator to 7N between 152E and 160E. Trade-wind troughs and surface convergence are aiding two areas of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms in the Marshalls between Majuro and Kwajalein from 6N to 11N between 166E and 173E and also near the dateline from 175E to 180 between the equator and 4N north of 10N. A tropical upper-level trough is influencing the weather over broad trade-wind flow centered from 15N130E to 18N145E to 25N170E and helping to create pockets of isolated thunderstorms and showers and some upper-level cloudiness centered within 150 miles of 16N139E and 19N151E west and northeast of the Marianas respectively...And north of wake island near 23N165E.

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

0Z606/721 2:20am 11:50am 1 via ICN
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C09317/191 4:25am 9:45am 3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173 6:05am 9:55pm Daily via NRT
C09313/183 7:55am 8:40pm 3, 6 via GUM
C09603/183 3:05pm 8:40pm 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM
C09603/193 3:05pm 10:10pm 2, 5 via GUM-Palau
C09599/PRI111 9:30pm 7:50am 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

0Z724/603 12:30am 2:30pm 2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
0Z750/603 1:00am 2:30pm 2, 4, 6 via ICN
0Z722/605 1:25pm 1:00am+1 7 via ICN
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5K169 2:55pm 10:00pm 1, 5
C0180/9596 10:30pm 7:25am+1 5 via GUM
PR110/C09596 10:00pm 7:25am 5, via GUM
PR110/C09596 10:00pm 7:50am 1, 3, 6, 7 via GUM

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ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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Business

Japan economy contracts for third straight quarter

TOKYO (AP)—Japan's economy contracted for a third straight quarter as consumer spending and factory production continued to suffer in the aftermath of the March earthquake and tsunami.

Real gross domestic product—a measure of the value of

Oil hovers above \$85 as trading volatility eases

SINGAPORE (AP)—Oil prices hovered above \$85 a barrel Monday in Asia as stock markets regained their footing after wild swings last week amid concerns about a slowing U.S. economy and worsening European debt crisis.

Benchmark oil for September delivery was down 2 cents to \$85.36 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Crude fell 34 cents to settle at \$85.38 on Thursday. In London, Brent crude was up 12 cents to \$107.88 per barrel

all goods and services produced domestically—contracted at an annualized rate of 1.3 percent in the April-June quarter, the Cabinet Office said Monday.

The figures did provide a glimmer of optimism as a much bigger contraction was expected. A Kyodo News agency sur-

vey of analysts had forecast the economy to shrink 2.6 percent.

The March 11 earthquake and tsunami killed thousands of people and wiped out large parts of Japan's northern coast. The disasters damaged many factories in the region, causing severe shortages of parts and

components for manufacturers across the country, including automakers.

The tsunami also crippled a nuclear power plant and caused a widespread power crunches, especially in the Tokyo region, adding to the headaches faced by businesses and households.

The Cabinet office said



wide range of areas and still needs close attention, Finance Minister Yoshihiko Noda said.

"We must steer the economy very carefully because we still have downside risks including the problem of the rising yen," Noda told a news conference.

Japan's economy was struggling even before the disaster. The country lost its place as the world's No. 2 economy to China last year. It has faced a slew of problems including years of deflation, a rapidly aging and shrinking population and ballooning public debt.

Japanese companies have increasingly relied on overseas markets to drive growth and offset lackluster demand at home. But exports dropped 4.9 percent during the latest quarter, the sharpest decline in more than two years, due to a strong yen, slowing overseas economies and a slump in domestic industrial production.

barrel over the next 12 months even with potentially slower economic recoveries in the developed countries.

Barclays said it left unchanged its forecast that Brent crude will average \$110 in the third quarter of this year.

Data released Friday about U.S. consumer demand was mixed. Retail sales rose 0.5 percent last month, the best showing since March. However, consumer sentiment hit a 31-year low in August, according to a Thomson Reuters/University of Michigan's survey.

In this Aug. 8, 2011 file photo, a money trader waits for calls from clients during the morning trading at a money brokerage in Tokyo as financial ministers from the Group of Seven economies hold talks on world market stability following a historic U.S. credit downgrade.

Yes!—take part in the Chamber's salary survey—it's important to all of us!

Question: I know that the Chamber of Commerce is conducting a salary survey. Why should I give them my salary and benefit information? What benefit will I receive from participating?

Thank you. I hope that all businesses and HR staff are aware of the ongoing salary survey you mentioned that's being conducted by the Guam Employers Council (GEC) on behalf of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce (SCC). The Chamber and the CNMI SHRM arranged a meeting on July 6th with Andy Andrus, executive director of the GEC, who is conducting the survey, to explain the need and the process. There have also been several newspaper articles about the survey. At the same time I'm sure that everyone who employs non-U.S. citizen employees are concerned about what they will have to do to maintain their employees after Nov. 28 of this year, when the umbrella permits expire.

So, how important is this wage study to the CNMI?

It's very important. For those who employ nonresident professional employees, this survey is a significant step in the process of placing these valuable employees on a legal visa status that will allow them to continue their stay in the CNMI. The final version of the CNMI transitional worker program regulations are expected to be released by or before Sept. 15, but have not been released yet. It has been made clear, however, that those employees who are eligible for H1-B visas will have to obtain this visa to remain in the CNMI. The results of this salary survey will, hopefully, provide a CNMI average wage that can be used as a prevailing wage for many of our professional positions, instead of a Guam or U.S. prevailing wage.

The initial version of the regulations appeared to allow these professionals to be placed on a CW-1 visa while the non-immigrant H1-B visa is being processed. Whether or not this will be allowed to continue to the end of the transition period in 2014, or even if that latitude has been removed, will not be clear until the regulations are available. At some point, however, and probably sooner, rather than later, the processing of an H1-B visa will be necessary for professional positions, such as accountants, lawyers, doctors, teachers, engineers, computer programmers, and analysts and others. Without a CNMI prevailing wage, the required wage that will have to be paid to obtain the visa will in most cases be significantly higher than the current average local wage.

Richard Pierce, executive director of the SCC, was quoted in the papers the other day that survey information had gone out to 375 businesses. I spoke with Andy Andrus this week and he read me off the list of companies that he had received survey information from and, though I didn't count them, the number was probably around 25. He said that he wasn't worried because he was receiving responses every day and that most of the information usually did arrive close to the deadline, which is Sept. 9. I encourage every company in the CNMI to participate and to send Andy your survey information. If you haven't received a letter inviting you to partici-

pate, contact Richard Pierce.

A couple of weeks ago I was asked to provide some information about the value of the prevailing wage survey to Mark Rabago at the *Tribune* and he extracted some of the information for an article that came out July 29. There have been several other articles emphasizing the importance of the survey. YOUR contribution will make a difference, as there must be at least 30 incumbents surveyed for each position to meet the U.S. Department of Labor's survey standards. The results will be coded, so that no individual company will be identified. Your concern with the privacy of your salary information is unnecessary. Also, those who participate will also receive a copy of the survey.

For additional information on the value of this survey, I am going to provide the full text of my answers to Mark's questions:

1. How important is a prevailing wage study in light of federalization?

Federalization has created the urgent need for the prevailing wage study. Employers can no longer bring employees to the CNMI under the previous immigration laws and regulations. Any non-U.S. workers brought into the CNMI after Nov. 28, 2009 require a U.S. visa acquired under federal immigration laws. To obtain a H1-B visa the employer must pay the "prevailing" wage for the area of employment. The prevailing wage rate is defined as the average wage paid to similarly employed workers in a specific occupation in the area of intended employment. The CNMI does not currently have recognized prevailing wage rates so a sponsor applying for a H1-B visa for an employee is required to pay the prevailing wage for Guam or a standard prevailing wage for the United States which will be significantly higher than what is being paid in the CNMI. A prevailing wage study for the CNMI will result in wages more reflective of the average wages being paid in the CNMI.

2. Is it being conducted to transition contract workers to a visa category?

It is important to recognize that the H1-B visa only applies to specialty positions that require a bachelors degree or higher and the employee must possess that degree from a school that is considered equivalent to a U.S. college. Only workers in these types of positions can be placed on visas. The non-specialty positions and employees can be placed on a CNMI-only CW-1 visa that will allow continued employment at or above minimum wage some several years into the future until that visa status is ended. At that point there is no existing legal work or immigration status for most contract workers to continue working in the CNMI.

3. How would contract workers be affected by this?

As stated, it would only affect those contract workers in specialty positions, such as accountants, lawyers, doctors, teachers, computer programmers, and analysts and others. The regulations define

a "specialty occupation" as requiring theoretical and practical application of a body of highly specialized knowledge in a field of human endeavor including but not limited to architecture, engineering, mathematics, physical sciences, social sciences, biotechnology, medicine and health, education, law, accounting, business specialties, theology, and the arts, and requiring the attainment of a bachelor's degree or its equivalent as a minimum. A prevailing wage is not required to be paid to employees in a CW-1 status.

4. How would resident workers be affected by this?

It should actually benefit them. According to the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), the hiring of a foreign worker should not adversely affect the wages and working conditions of U.S. workers comparably employed. In order to comply with the statute, the department's regulations require that the wages offered to a foreign worker should be the prevailing wage rate for the occupational classification in the area of employment. So, if the prevailing wage increases wages for visa-holders, those U.S. workers performing the same work should be paid at the same rate.

5. What would be the impact to employers and the economy?

That is hard to answer, but it will almost certainly bring up the wages and payroll expenses for most companies. However, most will not be able to replace their specialty workers easily and without also increasing salaries as an alternative to the visas. From an HR perspective, companies should be looking for qualified specialty workers with U.S. citizenship or the right to work freely in the U.S. I am not an economist and would not want to speculate on the economic impact. The bigger impact will occur when the CW-1 visa authority expires. At this point we cannot predict when that will occur as the regulations for this visa have not been released yet.

Again, I urge all businesses to take part in the survey. The processing of H1-B visas will require a prevailing wage determination and if we don't have acceptable survey data based on CNMI salaries, the visa approval will be with a Guam or U.S. mainland wage rate. Do your part and participate.

By FRANK GIBSON

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Nation

Sept. 11 changed everything—about air travel

By SCOTT MAYEROWITZ
AP AIRLINES WRITER

Five-year-old Frank Allococo is 37,000 feet above America, face pressed against the window.

"Cool," he says to his 6-year-old sister. "Francesca, look."

It's their first flight. They ignore a Harry Potter DVD and video games. Instead, there are rivers, mountains and tiny cars below.

Francesca chimes in: "Wow, Frank, look at that cloud."

For Frank and Francesca, soaring high above the country is magical. The kids from Park Ridge, Ill., are treated like stars. A flight attendant gives them wing pins. Mom and dad snap photos.

For most of us, though, the romance of flight is long gone—lost to Sept. 11, 2001, and hard-set memories of jets crashing into buildings.

We remember what it was like before. Keeping all our clothes on at security. Getting hot meals for free—even if we complained about the taste. Leg room.

Today, we feel beaten down even before reaching our seats. Shoes must be removed and all but the tiniest amounts of liquids surrendered at security checkpoints. Loved ones can no longer kiss passengers goodbye at the gate. And airlines, which have struggled ever since the day terrorists used airplanes as missiles, are adding fees,



In this Aug. 3, 2011 photo, airline passengers retrieve their scanned belongings while going through the Transportation Security Administration security checkpoint at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, in Atlanta. AP

squeezing in passengers and cutting amenities to survive.

In interviews conducted during a week flying around the country—nine flights totaling 8,414 miles—many passengers expressed anger with air travel, which they said left them feeling like second-class citizens. Generally, the terrorism fears that prompted most of the changes were a distant afterthought.

"Anytime I walk into an air-

port, I feel like a victim," said Lexa Shafer, of Norman, Okla. "I'm sorry that we have to live this way because of bad guys."

Despite the aggravations, America's skies are busier than ever. Airlines carried 720 million passengers last year, up from 666 million in the year before the attacks.

There was little concern about terrorism even on a flight that was almost identical - same

route, airline, plane type and departure time—to United Airlines Flight 93, which crashed in a Pennsylvania field on Sept. 11 after passengers fought the terrorists for control.

Instead, passengers were jockeying for position at the gate as if they were waiting for the doors to open on a day-after-Thanksgiving sale. They glanced at each other's tickets and mumbled complaints when

somebody boarded before they were supposed to.

"Passengers have lost civility," said Karen McNeilly, of Gold Hill, Ore.

And it's not just the boarding process that would make Emily Post cringe.

On a flight to Houston, an oversized man stole a window seat. Why? Because in his assigned seat he would have spilled into the aisle. The rightful occupant couldn't really object since the seat-stealer was already firmly planted, tray table down, Burger King cup out.

It's easier now for passengers to get annoyed with each other. We're simply getting packed in more tightly by airlines that are reining in costs more than they ever did before the terror attacks.

A decade ago, an average of 72 percent of seats per flight were occupied. Today, 82 percent are. Passengers once had a shot at an empty middle seat. Now that rarely happens. Airlines have added rows, meaning less leg room. Smaller, regional planes now carry a quarter of all passengers, twice that of a decade ago.

"It is a dismal experience that you simply put up with because you have to get from point A to point B. It used to be the part of the trip you looked forward to," said Virgin America CEO David Cush. "As an industry,

we've found a way to beat that joy of flying out of people."

In another effort to balance their books, airlines have added fees for once-free services. Last year, \$8.1 billion in fees were collected, more than three times the \$2.5 billion collected before the attacks, adjusted for inflation.

Checked-luggage fees accounted for \$3.4 billion of the 2010 total. Without them, major airlines would have lost money last year rather than reporting a combined \$2.6 billion in profits.

It's no wonder that for shorter trips, Americans now avoid flying. New inter-city buses have popped up and Amtrak now carries 37 percent more riders than a decade ago. Buses and trains don't have the security checkpoints that make it necessary for air passengers to arrive at the airport about an hour before domestic flights and two hours in advance for trips out of the U.S.

The days of arriving minutes before a flight are a distant memory, and lines are inconsistent. While one Transportation Security Administration checkpoint took four minutes to clear, another involved a 27-minute wait.

Frequent fliers know the ever-changing set of security rules. Most others don't.

Some people worry about radiation-emitting, modesty-eroding full-body scanners, although their use is still sporadic.

ACROSS THE NATION

Strong wind topples stage at Ind. fair, killing 5

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—The summer evening at the Indiana State Fair turned strangely cold. The wind blew hard, then harder still, tearing the fabric from the roof of the wobbling grandstand stage. The crowd, waiting under a thunderous sky for the country duo Sugarland to perform Saturday, had just been told over the loudspeakers that severe weather was possible. They were told where to seek shelter if an evacuation was necessary, but none was ordered. The show, it seemed, was to go on.

Hackers protest BART decision to block cellphones

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Hackers broke into a website for San Francisco's mass transit system Sunday and posted contact information for more than 2,000 customers, the latest showdown between anarchists angry at perceived attempts to limit free speech and officials trying to control protests that grow out of social networking and have the potential to become violent. The hacker group known as Anonymous posted people's names, phone numbers, and street and email addresses on its own website, while also calling for a disruption of the Bay Area Rapid Transit's evening commute Monday. The transit agency disabled the effected website, myBART.org, Sunday night after it also had been altered by apparent hackers who posted images of the so-called Guy Fawkes masks that anarchists have previously worn when showing up to physical protests.

Troopers: 2 die in Alaska plane crash; 4 survivors

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—A small plane carrying all three teachers for a remote Alaska village crashed in wilderness terrain, killing the pilot and one of the teachers, a school official said Sunday. The other two teachers and their two children survived, said Karen Ladegard, superintendent of the Iditarod School District, which oversees the school in the Athabascan community of Anvik and six other schools in the region. Alaska State Troopers earlier Sunday said four people died and two survived.

Obama begins political counteroffensive this week

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama launches a political counteroffensive this week, weighed down by a stunted economy, wilting support among some of his most ardent backers, and a daily bashing from the slew of Republicans campaigning for his job.

"We've still got a long way to go to get to where we need to be. We didn't get into this mess overnight, and it's going to take time to get out of it," the president told the country over the weekend, all but pleading for people to stick with him.

A deeply unsettled political landscape, with voters in a fiercely anti-incumbent mood, is framing the 2012 presidential race 15 months before Americans decide



whether to give Obama a second term or hand power to the Republicans. Trying to ride out what seems to be an unrelenting storm of economic anxiety, people in the United States increasingly are voicing disgust with most all of the men and women, Obama included, they sent to Washington to govern them.

With his approval numbers sliding, the Democratic president will try to ease their worries and sustain his resurrected fighting spirit when he sets off Monday on a bus tour of Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois. The trip is timed to dilute the GOP buzz emanating from

the Midwest after Republicans gathered in Iowa over the weekend for a first test of the party's White House candidates. The state holds the nation's first nominating test in the long road toward choosing Obama's opponent.

"You have just sent a message that Barack Obama will be a one-term president," Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann told elated supporters minutes after winning Saturday's Iowa straw poll, essentially a fundraising event that also tests a candidate's organizational and financial strength. She spent heavily and traveled throughout the state where she

was born, casting herself as the evangelical Christian voice of the deeply conservative small-government, low-tax tea party wing of the GOP.

Bachmann pulled in 4,823 votes, or 29 percent of those cast, edging out Texas Rep. Ron Paul, who drew 4,671 votes, or 28 percent. But while Democrats probably rejoiced that Bachmann's ultraconservative voice gained strength among Republican contenders, the contest to challenge Obama in November 2012 grew even more jumbled. While the voting was under way in Ames, Iowa, Republicans also had to keep an eye on South Carolina, where Texas Gov. Rick Perry made a cleverly timed entrance into the race.

Smelly surprises lurk beneath Missouri River flood

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—When the Missouri River's floodwaters recede this fall, piles of debris, silt and some smelly surprises will be revealed.

It's hard to say exactly what's hiding under the waters, but experts said it is certain that this year's epic flood will leave behind a mammoth mess once the water returns to within the Missouri River's banks.

"It's a very unpleasant chore for people trying to clean this

up," said John Remus, who oversees hydrologic engineering for the Army Corps of Engineers' Omaha office.

The corps has been releasing massive amounts of water from the dams along the Missouri River all summer to deal with above-average Rocky Mountain snowpack and unexpectedly heavy spring rains. The huge amount of water flowing down the river caused flooding all along the Missouri that began in

June and will continue into fall.

Many of the hundreds of thousands of acres the river flooded in Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri this year were farmland, so the mess is certain to include agricultural debris like crops, fuel tanks, branches and miscellaneous equipment.

"We know that there's going to be damage up and down the river, but the degree of damage is likely to vary considerably," said David Haldeman, a division

administrator with the Nebraska Department of Environmental Equality.

Haldeman said the fact that most people had a couple weeks' notice before the floodwaters arrived in the spring might reduce the number of propane tanks, gas cans and other floating debris that got swept away.

Carcasses of small animals swept up by the flood and fish left behind when the waters recede will add to the mess.

Asia

Nepal's parties disagree on new prime minister

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP)—Nepal's major political parties disagreed Monday on who should replace the prime minister who resigned a day earlier, pushing the country back into the yearslong political crisis that has left it without a constitution or a stable government.

It took 17 votes in parliament over seven months to get Jhalanath Khanal elected prime minister in February because of the fierce infighting among the parties. Khanal resigned Sunday after failing to make progress toward adopting a constitution or bringing reconciliation to this politically tumultuous South Asia nation.

The three major parties said Monday that they planned to hold talks on naming a new prime minister, but each insisted it should be the one to lead any new coalition government.

Dev Gurung, a leader of the Maoists, the largest party in parliament, said they would sit down for negotiations with other political parties but would insist their deputy leader, Baburam Bhattari, should be the prime minister.



Nepal Prime Minister Jhalanath Khanal, right, speaks to journalists as he comes out of the president's office after submitting his resignation to President Ram Baran Yadav, in Katmandu, Nepal, Sunday, Aug. 14, 2011.

tiate dialogue with other parties in our attempt to form a consensus government," he said.

None of the political parties have a parliamentary majority, making it necessary for any new prime minister to form a coalition government.

The political uncertainty has made it impossible for the poor nation to write a constitution that would complete its transformation from a kingdom to a republic and to cement the peace process that ended the decade-long civil war with the Maoists, who have since joined politics.

The lawmakers have twice extended the deadline for writing the new constitution and face a third deadline at the end of the month that they are also expected to miss.

Khanal, who was chosen to help break the deadlock, faced demands that he step down from the opposition Nepali Congress party, which accused him of failing to live up to his promises to move forward the peace process in the Himalayan nation. The opposition had blocked parliament since late

last month demanding Khanal's resignation.

Khanal also faced turmoil from within his own party and the main coalition partner—the Maoists—since the day he took office. They were not happy with the distribution of ministerial portfolios.

Late Sunday, his press adviser Surya Thapa said Khanal had submitted his resignation to President Rambaran Yadav.

"The major tasks of accomplishing the peace process and writing the new constitution have not progressed as desired," Khanal's office said in a statement. "Therefore, the prime minister stepped down with an objective to pave the way for forming a national consensus government and expedite the statute drafting and peace process."

Though Maoist guerrillas gave up their armed revolt in 2006 to join mainstream politics, thousands of former fighters still live in camps and their future is yet to be determined. Khanal had promised he would resolve the issue but failed to do.

Suicide bombers kill 22 in quiet Afghan province

CHARIKAR, Afghanistan (AP)—Six suicide bombers attacked a governor's security meeting in one of Afghanistan's most secure provinces, killing 22 people and driving home the point that the Taliban is able to strike at will virtually anywhere in the country.

The governor of Parwan, a relatively peaceful eastern province just 30 miles north of Kabul, survived. He said he picked up an assault rifle and shot at least one of the attackers dead from the waiting room of his office.

Two other insurgents detonated their vests, causing most of the deaths and burning part of the governor's offices. Several cars were wrecked by shrapnel and bullets. Broken glass and body parts littered a charred lawn.

The bold daylight assault in Charikar follows a similar attack by suicide bombers at a major Kabul hotel in June, and the downing of a U.S. helicopter full of U.S. special operations troops only 35 miles away from Kabul. The attacks in and

close to the capital raise more questions about Afghanistan's ability to defend itself as the U.S.-led coalition hands more of the country over to its struggling forces.

Police said Sunday's assault began outside the front gate,

Japan marks World War II surrender anniversary

TOKYO (AP)—Japan marked the 66th anniversary of its surrender in World War II on Monday with somber remembrances across the country and a memorial in Tokyo led by the emperor. The ceremonies come as the country struggles to recover from this year's devastating earthquake and tsunami.

Emperor Akihito, whose father made the unprecedented 1945 national radio address announcing the war could not be won, offered prayers for the dead and hopes for peace at Monday's memorial in Tokyo. Prime Minister Naoto Kan also attended.

The annual ceremonies cap a series of remembrances of the war's disastrous final months. Gatherings are also held each year for the anniversaries of the bloody battle of Okinawa in June and the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, both in early August.

"We again feel a deep sadness for those who died and for their families," Akihito said before a bank of yellow and white chrysanthemums erected in memory of the dead. "Looking back on history, we fervently hope not to



Men in Japanese Imperial navy uniforms stand at attention to pay their respects to the war dead at Yasukuni Shrine in Tokyo, Monday.

repeat the tragedy of war."

This year the memorial was particularly poignant for Japan, which is struggling to recover

nuclear crisis and caused scenes of destruction reminiscent of the devastation seen in 1945.

Kan said Japan should use its experience in rebuilding after its World War II defeat as a lesson that it can recover from the March disaster.

"Since the war, our nation has overcome many difficult times," he said. "Using this experience, the devastated areas, and our nation itself, will recover strongly from the disaster."

While the anniversary in Japan is an inward-directed occasion to remember and honor its own dead, the day continues to evoke bitter memories across Asia of Japan's brutal militarist exploits.

Visits by senior politicians to a Tokyo war shrine on the anniversary have often inflamed those lingering wounds and are closely scrutinized around the region. The Shinto shrine honors the 2.5 million Japanese war dead, including Class A war criminals such as Hideki Tojo, and is seen by many as a center of Japanese revisionism.

But for the second time, Kan stayed away from Yasukuni this year.

he'll be jailed. He could face a longer prison term than the actual attackers. Deden Sudjana is charged with inciting the February attacks on the Ahmadiyah minority that killed three of the sect's members. The Serang District Court decides Monday if Sudjana—whose hand was nearly severed by a machete—should be jailed.

Korea meant to restart international negotiations to persuade Pyongyang to abandon its nuclear weapons ambitions.

Wellington delights in snow as cold blast hits NZ

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—Residents of New Zealand's capital city Wellington are taking delight in the un-

usual sight of snowflakes falling in what forecasters are describing as a once-in-a-lifetime event. Services across the country were disrupted Monday by the snowfalls, which were accompanied by heavy rain and high winds. Mail delivery in many centers was canceled, as were some flights. Some roads were closed and recreational facilities such as libraries and swimming pools were shut in many centers.

Indonesian Ahmadi attack victim may be jailed

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—An Indonesian man injured when Muslim hard-liners attacked members of his minority Islamic sect is waiting to hear if

ASIA BRIEFS

SKorean president calls for cooperation with North

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korea's president called Monday for cooperation with rival North Korea and pledged limited humanitarian support for suffering North Koreans as

the two nations try to set aside animosity and pursue dialogue. Lee Myung-bak's speech celebrating the Korean peninsula's liberation from Japan's 1910-1945 colonial rule follows tentative diplomatic talks among officials from the United States, North Korea and South

World

Syria uses gunboats for 1st time to crush uprising

BEIRUT (AP)—Syria used gunboats for the first time Sunday to crush the uprising against Bashar Assad's regime, hammering parts of the Mediterranean coastal city of Latakia after thousands marched there over the weekend to demand the president's ouster. At least 25 people were killed, according to activists.

The coordinated attacks by gunboats and ground troops were the latest wave of a brutal offensive against anti-government protests launched at the beginning of the month.

The assault showed Assad has no intention of scaling back the campaign even though it has brought international outrage and new U.S. and European sanctions.

"We are being targeted from the ground and the sea," said a frightened resident of the al-Ramel district of Latakia, the hardest hit neighborhood. "The shooting is intense. We cannot go out. They are raiding and breaking into people's homes," he added, speaking on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals.

As the gunships blasted waterfront districts, ground troops backed by tanks and security forces stormed several neighborhoods including al-Ramel, sending terrified women and children fleeing, some on foot, to safer areas.

The al-Ramel resident said at least three gunboats were taking part in the offensive, and that many people have been killed and wounded. The shooting targeted several mosques in the area.

"Many homes have been destroyed and the shabiha have

broken into shops and businesses," he said, referring to pro-government gunmen, as they are called by Syrians.

The assault on Latakia began Saturday, when tanks and armored personnel carriers rolled into al-Ramel district amid intense gunfire. The security forces appear to be intent on crushing dissent in the neighborhood, which has seen large anti-Assad protests since the Syrian uprising began in mid-March. On Friday, as many as 10,000 marched there, calling for the president's ouster.

After their initial assault on the city Saturday, Syrian forces pushed back into Latakia again Sunday.

State-run news agency SANA said troops were pursuing "gunmen using machine guns, hand grenades and bombs who have

been terrorizing residents in al-Ramel district." The agency denied reports the area was being targeted from the sea. It quoted a health official in Latakia as saying two law enforcement officials were killed.

At least 25 people were killed in the city on Sunday, said Rami Abdul-Rahman, head of the London-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights. One of the dead was a 2-year-old girl who was in a car with her father when security forces at a checkpoint opened fire, he said. The activist network the Local Coordination Committees gave the same death toll and said it included three children.

Activists said at least two people were killed in al-Ramel on Saturday.

Residents and several activi-

sts groups said gunboats in the Mediterranean were taking part in the offensive, firing machine guns. Many people were wounded from indiscriminate fire on houses, they said.

"They are trying to take control of the city as they did in other places," said Abdul-Rahman.

Ammar Qurabi, head of the National Organization for Human Rights in Syria, said the state was setting a "precedent" by using gunboats to shell its own people.

Using gunboats to fight protesters, who are most unarmed and peaceful, marks a new escalation in the regime's crackdown. But the determined opposition is so far unbowed even though at least 1,700 people have been killed since March, according to activists and human rights groups.

Cameron: Riot-hit UK must reverse 'moral collapse'

LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister David Cameron declared Monday that Britain faces a battle to find its moral compass following four days of riots that left five people dead, thousands facing charges for violence and theft, and at least 200 million pounds (\$350 million) in property losses.

Cameron said senior ministers of his 2-year-old coalition government would spend the next few weeks formulating new policies designed to reverse what he described as a country being dragged down by many citizens' laziness, irresponsibility and selfishness. He said "the responsible majority" was demanding that the government build "a stronger society."

"This has been a wake-up call for our country. Social problems that have been festering for decades have exploded in our face," Cameron said in his prepared remarks for a planned

Monday morning speech. "Do we have the determination to confront the slow-motion moral collapse that has taken place in parts of our country these past few generations?"

He issued his call hours after several hundred residents of Birmingham, England's second-largest city, rallied for peace and racial unity in memory of three Pakistani men run over and killed during last week's riots there. Asian, black and white locals joined hand in hand with police officers during the ceremony.

Birmingham police also charged a third suspect with the murders of Haroon Jahan, 20, and brothers Shazad Ali, 30, and Abdul Musavir, 31.

The three men died Wednesday after a car struck them at high speed as they stood guard outside a row of South Asian-owned shops in west Birmingham, 120 miles (190 kilome-

ters) northwest of London. The attack raised fears of gang warfare between the area's South Asian and Caribbean gangs because residents identified the car-borne assailants as black. But public appeals for no retaliation, particularly from one victim's father, Tariq Jahan, have helped to keep passions at bay.

Police said Adam King, 23, would be arraigned Monday at Birmingham Magistrates Court on three counts of murder. Two others—26-year-old Joshua Donald and a 17-year-old whose name was withheld because of his age—were arraigned Sunday on the same charges.

Speaking at Sunday's rally in a public park near the scene of the killings, Jahan told the crowd "that the three boys did not die in vain. They died for this community." He and several other speakers stood beneath a banner that read "One City, One Voice for Peace."

WORLD BRIEFS

Argentine president dominates unusual primary vote

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)—Argentine President Cristina Fernandez got half the votes against a divided opposition in Sunday's primary, giving her re-election campaign a feeling of invincibility. Three of the nine other candidates were battling for second place in Argentina's first-ever open and simultaneous presidential primary. Fernandez had 50 percent of the votes, Dep. Ricardo Alfonsin had 12 percent, former President Eduardo Duhalde 12 percent and Socialist Santa Fe Gov. Hermes Binner 10 percent with 61 percent of the polling places reporting.

6 dead, 1 arrested in knife attack on British isle

LONDON (AP)—A man was arrested Sunday on suspicion of stabbing six people to death, including three children, on the British island of Jersey in what was the deadliest crime in the community's living memory, police said. Neighbors said the victims were members of the same fam-

ily. The dead, all Jersey residents, were a man, two women and three children, police said. Some were stabbed inside their home, others outside the property, which is located on a relatively secluded side street. The 30-year-old suspect, who was not identified, also sustained unspecified injuries that were not life-threatening. Police said they were questioning him at his hospital bed.

Lawyer challenges Aruba officials in tourist case

ORANJESTAD, Aruba (AP)—A U.S. tourist detained in Aruba in the death of his travel companion has cooperated with investigators and should be immediately released because there is no evidence against him, his defense lawyer said Sunday. Michael Lopez, the Aruban lawyer for Gary Giordano, denied statements by prosecutors that his client is no longer answering questions about what happened to Robyn Gardner, his companion on a short trip to the Dutch Caribbean island. "We cannot deduce that there is hard proof to sustain a demand by the public prosecutor against our client," Lopez said.



Libyan rebels protect a captured enemy sniper from retaliation of other rebel fighters near Zawiya in western Libya, Saturday, Aug. 13, 2011. AP

Libyan rebels try to cut routes to Tripoli

ZAWIYA, Libya (AP)—Libyan rebels claimed Sunday they were trying to cut off two key supply routes to Moammar Gadhafi's stronghold in Tripoli after capturing more towns in the west of the country. The opposition fighters also battled government forces for control of the strategic city of Zawiya, just 30 miles from the capital.

The rebel advances over the past few days out of the western mountains near Tunisia into Zawiya on the Mediterranean coast and other nearby towns marked the most significant gains after months of stalemate in the civil war. Rebel leaders said they hope to take Tripoli before the end of this month, an ambitious goal.

Col. Jumma Ibrahim, a rebel spokesman in the western mountains, said his fighters are moving closer to blocking major supply routes to Tripoli from the south and west. The routes are critical for moving food, fuel and weapons over land to the capital.

"This means we are choking Gadhafi," he said. "He only has the sea."

He said rebel forces captured the town of Gharyan, 50 miles

(80 kilometers) south of Tripoli, which he said controls the supply road from southern Libya to the capital.

Omar Obeid, field commander for the Sabratha area, 20 miles west of Zawiya on the coast, said rebels have taken up positions in houses along a major supply route there that connects the Ras Ajdir border crossing with Tunisia to Tripoli. The same road runs through Zawiya, where rebels could also block it if they manage to take control of the city.

With NATO imposing a no-fly zone over Libya for months and bombarding regime targets, the coastal road has become a lifeline between the capital and the outside world.

Rebels said they also captured the town of Surman, near Sabratha to the southeast.

After rebels advanced into Zawiya on Saturday, regime forces mounted heavy resistance Sunday with the opposition fighters trying to push deeper into the city of 200,000.

Pro-Gadhafi snipers shot at the opposition fighters from an overpass deep in the city, while loud booms echoed and a column of heavy black smoke rose

over the outskirts. Dozens of civilians crammed in cars with their belongings fled the city. In one car, four women cried desperately, and a man driving shouted that there were dead people in his neighborhood.

Rebel pickup trucks with anti-aircraft weapons and machine guns mounted on the back sped along Bir Ghanam street,

a main road leading into downtown Zawiya from the south. In one courtyard along the street,

the bodies of two men, wrapped in blankets, were ringed by a crowd of crying men.

The staging ground for the 3-week-old offensive in western Libya has been the mountain town of Zintan, where many fighters regroup every evening after battle. At dusk on Sunday, long columns of pickup trucks drove into the city from the coastal plain, honking horns and shooting in the air in a triumphant victory procession. One convoy was led by a large battle tank the rebels had captured.

The hospital in Zintan had nine dead rebels from fighting in Surman Sunday and more than 50 wounded from various battles, said Mohammed Salem, a hospital official.

Focus

Lenses shield 9/11 photogs as they capture history

By ALLEN G. BREED
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People look at some news photos shot on Sept. 11, 2001, and wonder how those who took them could bear to keep working in the face of such tragedy.

Richard Drew said his lens acts as a filter: "The things are happening over there, on the other side."

Another Associated Press photographer, the late Marty Lederhandler, put it this way: "I let the camera absorb all the disaster or the sadness of an event. It protects ME from the event."

For AP photographers working on Sept. 11, none knew the big picture of what was going on. All knew only what was happening right before their eyes, that it was part of something huge, and that it was their job to record it.

Five whose images of that day became iconic discussed how the photos came about, how endless hours of shooting sporting events, news conferences and everything in between helped prepare them for moments no one could ever have anticipated, and how their lenses helped shield them from the fears—and tears—that would come later.

After 65 years with the AP, Marty Lederhandler had pretty much seen and done it all.

In 1937, a year after joining the wire service, he'd helped cover the Hindenburg disaster. Seven years later, Lt. Lederhandler waded ashore at Utah Beach on D-Day, two carrier pigeons stowed safely in his bag to wing his undeveloped film back across the English Channel.

On Sept. 11, Lederhandler knew the real story was downtown. But he also knew that his 84-year-old legs wouldn't carry him that far.

He'd covered plenty of fires and explosions. When he couldn't get to the scene, he'd talk his way into someone's apartment and onto the fire escape—anything to get the angle. "You go behind. You go in back. You go up high," he said in a 2006 interview.

Up high! He grabbed his camera and some long lenses, and headed across Rockefeller Plaza, where AP was then based, to the GE Building—now better known as 30 Rock. (AP photo editor Rich Kareckas had suggested going there.)

Lederhandler took the elevator to the 65th floor: the Rainbow Room. Except for waiters setting tables, the place was empty. He marched up to the big window, which offered stunning views of the Empire State Building and the burning twin towers beyond, and began shooting.

After about a half hour, the order came to evacuate. "They didn't know what building was going to be hit next," he recalled.

The frame chosen from his many exposures was shot tight enough to show the massive heft of the towers, the city's tallest skyscrapers, but wide enough to firmly place them in the crowded Manhattan skyline. Of course, Lederhandler had no way of knowing that, by day's end, the Empire State Building would once more dominate that skyline.

He spent the rest of the day helping

edit images brought in by freelancers and ordinary citizens.

"The only other story that compares to this is D-Day," he said.

Lederhandler retired three months later. He died last year at 92.

For Richard Drew, the second week in September always meant just one thing: Fall Fashion Week.

After 23 years in the business, he still looked forward to the twice-yearly fashion show as part of the "diversity of my job" as a New York-based AP photographer. Drew, who shared in the 1993 Pulitzer Prize, had long since learned there was no such thing as a routine assignment.

As a 21-year-old rookie shooter for the Pasadena Independent-Star News, Drew was at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on June 5, 1968, where Robert Kennedy, fresh from winning the California Democratic presidential primary, was shot. Drew was one of only four photographers to capture Kennedy's last moments.

On Sept. 11, Drew was perched on a riser at the end of the runway, waiting for the fashion show to begin, when his cell phone rang.

"A plane's hit the World Trade Center," photo editor Barbara Woike said.

Drew rushed to the subway and took the No. 2 train to Chambers Street. Emerging from underground, he could see smoke now billowing from both towers. He took up a position near a line of ambulances to wait for casualties when suddenly a paramedic shouted, "Look! There's people coming out of the World Trade Center."

But she wasn't pointing down the street. She was pointing up.

"I just sort of clicked into automatic pilot," Drew recalled, "and started taking pictures of the people falling out of the building."

There is a cruel mechanics to capturing such tragedy, and the camera became his filter. The bodies tumbling from the towers were moving very fast, and he worked to keep them in focus.

When he downloaded his images, one stood out: A man in black pants and a white jacket, one leg bent as he plummeted headfirst. It would become known simply as "The Falling Man."

To Drew, it was not a violent image, despite the inherent horror. It was "a very quiet, peaceful moment."

The photo would launch a quest to discover the doomed man's identity—and a public debate about whether such intimate moments should be off-limits. Of all the images from that day, it is one of the least often republished.

Drew thinks he knows why: "I think people react to it, because they can relate to that it might be them."

Sept. 11 started out for photographer Doug Mills like most days covering President George W. Bush on the road. Wake up before dawn, and go for a run. This day, it was at a golf course in Sarasota, Fla. Then back to the hotel for a quick shower and off to the day's first event—a visit with kids at Emma E. Booker Elementary School.

The motorcade was en route when Mills overheard snatches of a deputy press secretary's cell phone conversation. By the time they reached the

erty telling him.

It was only after they boarded Air Force One and began watching CNN that the full import of that morning's event came into focus. A classroom visit that had started out as a routine "photo-op" was now a moment in history.

"If the attacks had happened while we were at the White House," Mills says, "we would have not been there when Andy Card walked into the Oval Office and told the president."

Later, Mills asked Card what exactly he'd whispered into Bush's ear.

"Mr. President," Card said, "a second aircraft has hit the World Trade Center. America's under attack."

"When I hear those words," says Mills, who went to work for the New York Times in 2002, "and when I even say them myself, I get chills."

Ohio-based AP national photographer Amy Sancetta was in New York City to cover her 10th U.S. Open tennis tournament. She'd spent the week breaking in a pair of brand-new, super-fast Nikon D1H cameras, and was looking forward to some free time.

Sancetta was kneeling on her hotel room floor, stowing her new cameras, when her phone rang. The desk had a report that a plane might have hit one of the World Trade Center towers and asked her to head there.

Her first thought was, "Oh, great. Some guy has driven his little twin-engine plane into the trade center, and it's going to take up my whole day off in the city."

She caught a cab and rode down Broadway until a police barricade stopped her from going farther. By then, the second tower was already smoking. The buildings must be packed, she thought. She got out her 80-200 mm zoom lens and began scanning the rows of windows of the south tower for faces.

About five minutes into the event, the classroom door opened, and White House chief of staff Andy Card stepped inside. Mills' antennae immediately went up: Card almost never attended events like this.

Making eye contact, Mills mouthed,

"What's going on?"



AP
In this Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001 file picture, a person falls headfirst from the north tower of New York's World Trade Center.

Card merely held up two fingers.

"We had NO idea at the time what that meant," says Mills. "So, like, 'Two minutes, we're leaving?' ... Or, 'I'm going to talk to him in two minutes.' ..."

Mills sensed that Card was waiting

for the right moment to go up to the

president. He quickly switched to a

longer lens, and prepared to zoom in

tight on Bush.

After a few moments, Card walked

to the front of the room, leaned in and

whispered something into Bush's right

ear. The president's face went blank.

Soon afterward, as the motorcade

raced to the airport, Mills edited and

sent his images. The classroom event

was not televised live, so the AP photo

desk grilled Mills about the president's

reaction—his words, his facial expres-

sions. When they asked what Card

was telling Bush, for the caption, Mills

could only say that it was about the

planes hitting the twin towers.

"Great job, kid," he remembers AP

Washington photo editor Bob Daugh-

ter wonderland of debris." She began picking her way back toward the trade center, shooting as she went. When she heard a second rumble, she lowered her camera and ran.

At last, she reached the office and was able to see what she had: the beginning of the south tower's end.

And her straight ups and downs were straight up and down.

Gulnara Samoilova's shift in the AP photo library didn't start until noon, and she normally slept late. But this day the wail of sirens woke her.

"It just went on and on and on," recalls Samoilova, a native of the Russian Republic of Bashkortostan.

She turned on the TV and was watching at 9:03, when the second plane struck.

Samoilova's apartment was just four blocks from the World Trade Center. She grabbed her camera and a handful of film, and headed into the street.

Entering the south tower, she quickly decided the scene was too chaotic to shoot, and retreated.

Back outside, she was standing right beneath the south tower, its smoking bulk filling her 85 mm lens. She saw the tower begin to crumble and got off one more shot before someone nearby screamed, "RUN!"

The force of the collapse "was like a mini-earthquake," knocking her off her feet. People began trampling her.

"I was afraid I would die right there," the 46-year-old photographer says. She got up just as the cloud was about to envelop her. She dove behind a car and crouched.

Like "a strong wind," the storm of debris rocked the car, filling her eyes, mouth, nose and ears.

"It was very dark and silent," she says. "I thought I was buried alive."

Suddenly, she could hear the fluttering of thousands of pieces of paper. Her sight returned. She had survived.

She changed film and lenses, and as she looked down Fulton Street, other survivors began limping out of the mist. She stepped out from behind the car and began shooting.

In the most powerful image from that sequence, a line of about a dozen people fills the frame. One man holds a jacket over his mouth, while the woman next to him tries to brush debris out of her hair.

"I love that photo," Samoilova says. "To me, it looks like a sculpture. Like, frozen."

She was shooting in black and white. People have asked her if she wishes that photo had been in color.

"It wouldn't matter even," she replies. "They were all covered in dust—the gray dust."

When it was over, Samoilova went back to work in the library. Often after Sept. 11, her job involved going through AP's photos from that day.

"I was crying almost daily."

Eventually, it became too much. Samoilova left the AP in 2003.

Now, she runs her own photo studio, focusing mostly on documentary-style wedding shoots.

"I love weddings," she says. "I get to be part of the happiest days of people's lives."

Overdrive



The 2011 Ford Mustang Shelby GT350 meets the criteria as being for transportation, but reasons for owning it don't meet common-sense standards. But those standards go out the window as it is fun to drive.

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shipped to the Shelby American factory in Las Vegas, where Shelby's crew modifies it.

Ford's 550-horsepower GT500 is a great car, more livable day-to-day than the GT350, but many Shelby purists prefer models like the GT350 that have actually benefitted from Shelby's touch — though at 88, he doesn't actually touch many cars these days.

You can get the GT350 in several performance versions. The test car was the most extreme, with the 5.0-liter V-8 engine, which comes from Ford with a nothing-to-sneeze-at 412 horsepower in the regular Mustang GT, pumped up to a supercharged 624 horsepower when it leaves Las Vegas. The price varies somewhat depending on what you start with, and where you end up: You buy a new Mustang GT from Ford, likely for about \$35,000, and you give Shelby another \$35,000 or so to work his magic. With all its various performance options, we're told our test car listed for closer to \$80,000.

So how was it? Oddly, it seemed like even more than 624 horsepower: Acceleration was breathtaking. The exhaust note sounded like a NASCAR racer, and the rock-hard ride resulted in superb cornering. The huge disc brakes were strong and linear, and steering feel was spot-on. The six-speed manual transmission shifted well, but the whole car showed signs of abuse: Lacking the budget for a dedicated press fleet, Shelby American somehow talked a customer into loaning his as-yet undelivered purchase to multiple magazines before it finally landed in my hands, and some of those editors were, to put it mildly, a little hard on the car. Front tires were seriously worn, the clutch showed signs of too many standing-start launches, and there was a clunking sound from the rear I couldn't quite identify, but it was frightening under acceleration.

When I was through with the car, I called Las Vegas and suggested they come get it, and send the car to rehab before delivering it to the new owner in Wisconsin. They did. Good luck, dude. I'm more envious than you can imagine.

2011 Mustang Shelby GT350: Pure power

By STEVEN COLE SMITH
THE ORLANDO SENTINEL

Can we agree that some cars are for transportation, and some are for, well, other things? The 2011 Ford Mustang Shelby GT350 is only incidentally transportation, in the sense that a 100-foot yacht might also be used as a fishing boat.

This is not to say there aren't plenty of good, tangible reasons to buy a Shelby GT350, and I have a long list of my own. But let's not pretend any of those reasons satisfy any common-sense standard.

Really, how could they? This is

a loud, uncomfortable, profoundly rough-riding car that is as thirsty as a dehydrated camel, and don't even think of offering it regular gasoline. But I can't recall enjoying a car this much during the four days we spent together, and when they came and got it—in a big 18-wheeler, parked on the highway in front of the house—I was a bit emotional.

The GT350 is a time machine, and it sent me back to a period where life seemed simpler, my waist seemed smaller, and I still had hopes that I could someday afford a car like this. I cannot. But hey, four days were better than nothing.

Likely even casual car fans are famil-

NUTS & BOLTS

Base price: \$68,000 (estimate)

Price as tested: \$80,000 (estimate)

EPA rating: Not rated. Observed overall fuel mileage: 12.3 mpg

Engine: 5.0-liter, 624-horsepower supercharged V-8

Transmission: Six-speed manual

Length: 188.2 inches

Wheelbase: 107.1 inches

Parting shot: Sheer, steroid-soaked muscle.

iar with the name Carroll Shelby: Now 88, the native Texan started his career as a race car driver, but made his repu-

tation as a car builder, starting with Cobras, some of which have risen in value, such as the Shelby Daytona Coupe that was worth maybe \$6,000 after its brief racing career. One sold at auction two years ago for \$7.25 million. Shelby has worked with various manufacturers to build cars, most notably Ford, which is where the Mustang comes in.

That said, his relationship with Ford is confusing. You can buy a 2011 Ford Mustang Shelby GT500 at your local Ford dealer, but the 2011 Ford Mustang Shelby GT350 is a different animal. Shelby licensed his name to Ford for the GT500, and it's built by Ford. The GT350, though, begins life as a white Ford Mustang GT, which is then

take typically drains either under the vehicle or outside-firewall, so it's OK to flush it with a medium rate or less with the garden hose. I believe if you haven't seen any paint damage after your cleanup or haven't noticed any ventilation odors, you have nothing to worry about.

Speaking of sulfur, I learned from a reader that my advice to clean a keyless entry fob's battery terminals with a pencil eraser was OK if it's a white eraser, but not a red one. It seems pink- and red-colored erasers contain sulfur and rubbing it on silver contacts can form silver sulfide which is a non-conductor. This fix would last a few months at best.

Next week will be my one thousandth column. I'd really like to re-

ceive input from readers on what they like and don't like. Are the topics of interest? Are the answers too technical, or not enough so? Is there a better or different way things can be explained? I can't answer every letter due to the quantity received, so I try to zig and zag between DIY, simpler topics and newer technologies, hoping to achieve a balance of interest. I enjoy researching the many topics I'm soft in, and hope what is presented is as accurate as possible. Let me know what you'd like to see.

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Egg attack might result in bad smells

By BRAD BERGHOULD
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

QUESTION: Someone threw an egg at my car while I was shopping. It splattered on the hood and windshield and some of the egg ran down into the holes beneath the wipers at the bottom of the windshield. It was a very hot summer day, and it took me about two hours before I got home to get it all washed off.

I have heard that eggs are very hard on car paint and "eat" it, and that it might take some time for the damage to show. Is this true? Is there anything I can do to avoid

future damage? The car is about 10 years old, and the paint looks very good all around.

Also, is there any damage from some raw egg running into what I think are vent holes at the bottom of the windshield and the back of the hood? Hopefully my washing water cleaned it out. Where does that water go down those holes? In winter, am I going to smell rotten eggs when I turn on the heater? —Jen M.

ANSWER: Eggs are very tough on vehicle paint as they contain sulfur, a component of two amino acids. Once applied to paint, it can take only a short time when baked by the sun to etch or

craze a vehicle's clear coat finish. It sounds like you were fortunate to avoid noticeable damage, perhaps due to a good coat of wax and prompt action. Removing dried egg can be difficult without causing paint damage. Home remedies include soaking a soft towel in a solution of half white distilled vinegar and half lukewarm water or Vaseline Intensive Care Lotion and covering the affected area for a few minutes prior to gently working at the deposits.

Egg down the ventilation intake won't damage anything, but can lead to some foul odors later. It sounds again like your flushing of this area with water was successful. The air in-

Life & Style

NEW YORK (AP)— “It’s shocking, I know,” says Gloria Steinem, allowing herself a wry grin.

And for once, the author, activist and feminist icon isn’t talking about a case of gender inequity at home or a human rights violation across the globe. This time, she’s talking about her age.

Steinem is 77, and most people are even more shocked than she is. Not only because she looks fiftyish, but because she is, in the minds of many, frozen in the 1970s—a tall, slim, striking woman with long streaked hair (it’s still streaked, but shorter now) and those big aviator glasses.

But four decades have indeed passed since Steinem helped launched the women’s movement. And this summer finds her in a reflective mode: working on a book about her years on the road—a combination of essays and memoir—and promoting a new documentary celebrating her life. “Gloria: In Her Own Words” premieres Monday on HBO.

Nestled on a couch in her comfortable Manhattan apartment one recent afternoon, Steinem acknowledges that often such tributes come at the end of one’s life and career—and she has no intention of either ending anytime soon.

But, she says, maybe this isn’t such a bad time to look back a little.

“My hope is, this film will make people think: It’s been 30 or 40 years. Where do we want to be 40 years from now?” Besides, she adds: “I want people to realize that if a very imperfect person did this, maybe they can, too!”

That self-effacing tone runs through much of what Steinem says—she likes to stress, for example, that if she had never come along, the same progress for women would have been achieved anyway. (Steinem was a highly visible spokeswoman for the women’s movement, but there were many others who made it happen, too.) Her admirers say they’re not so sure.

“It would have been like Christmas without Santa Claus—she was the goddess of

Ever the activist, Steinem is in a reflective mode

In this Aug. 9 2011 photo, Gloria Steinem laughs during an interview with The Associated Press, in New York.

the movement,” says Sheila Nevins, co-producer of the new documentary with Peter Kunhardt, who directed. “She doesn’t take credit, but I give it to her.”

One of Steinem’s most important qualities, says Nevins, is that she showed “how you could be the bull AND the china shop—aggressive AND gentle.” She notes that growing up, she was taught to think a girl couldn’t be pretty and smart at the same time: “Gloria made me realize I could.”

Steinem, though, makes clear that being branded the beautiful, sexy feminist was a double-edged sword at best.

“It’s a problem we all share, getting identified by your outside looks,” she says. “The most hurtful part is that you work very hard, and people say it’s because of your looks.”

Steinem learned that lesson well before she became an activist—with her famous Playboy adventure in the early ’60s, where she donned the bunny suit to go undercover for a magazine and expose degrading working conditions at the Playboy Club.

She deeply regrets the whole

episode. “I could not have made a bigger mistake,” she says. “It was personally and professionally a disaster. In the short term it was much harder to get serious assignments, and in the long term it’s been used to ridicule me.”

Steinem can’t escape the Playboy story: Recently she’s been asked by many journalists what she thinks of an upcoming NBC period drama about the Playboy Club. For the record: not much, though she hasn’t seen it yet. “They were tacky, awful places to work,” she says of the clubs. “This will no doubt be a glamorized version.”

Steinem also wonders why a TV interviewer recently used precious air time to ask about that long-ago episode. She would rather have been asked about a New York Times op-ed piece she had just written, about a controversial new naval base on Jeju Island off South Korea.

Such an issue may seem off the beaten path for Steinem, but she’s long been vocal about a

wide range of international issues, like sex trafficking, genital mutilation, or violence against women across the globe. “I’m just not sure I believe in boundaries anymore,” she says.

At home, it won’t be surprising to see her weigh in on the 2012 presidential race, as she did in 2008—opposing Sarah Palin (“Wrong Woman, Wrong Message,” she titled a column) and decrying what she saw as sexist media treatment of Hillary Rodham Clinton, whom she supported over Barack Obama in the Democratic primaries.

Steinem hopes the current secretary of state might yet become president. “Many more Americans can now imagine a female chief of state, because of her,” she says. “After a second Obama term ...”

For the documentary, producers amassed a treasure trove of film clips, photos and other tidbits that tell the story of Steinem’s long career.

We see a young Steinem tap-

dancing in an elevator—it was one of her talents—and flirting with George Burns in a TV interview. We also see some striking negative reactions to Steinem and her feminism: A vicious call from a female viewer on “Larry King Live,” telling her to “rot in hell” and advising her never to have children; or, more recently, conservative host Glenn Beck call her a “cranky feminist” and making a vomit gesture.

There’s also news anchor Harry Reasoner predicting that Ms. Magazine, which Steinem co-founded in 1972, would fail (it’s still publishing today) and, perhaps most interesting, a segment from the Nixon tapes, with the former president dissing Steinem to Henry Kissinger.

Asked her biggest mistakes, Steinem replies with a laugh: “How much time do we have?” Turning serious, she mentions her father. She did not travel to California to see him in the hospital after a car accident, and he died alone.

“I had taken care of my mom as a child, and I feared I’d never come back,” she says.

Steinem also wishes she’d “fought harder” for things she believed in. One of the choices she doesn’t regret, however, is not having had children.

“I was in Mumbai at a women’s center a few years ago, and they asked whether I regretted that,” says Steinem. “I thought, if I tell them the truth, I’ll lose them. But there was no point in lying, and so I said, ‘No, not for a millisecond’—and they applauded. Because they don’t have the choice.”

As for marriage, Steinem surprised many when she married for the first time at age 66, to entrepreneur David Bale, father of actor Christian Bale. Bale died a few years later.

“I hadn’t changed—marriage had changed,” she says now. “We wanted to be together, we loved each other. And he needed a green card. But it was so lucky, because when he got sick, he was on my health insurance.” The experience strengthened her commitment to same-sex marriage.

Her greatest satisfaction, Steinem says, is still when people come up to her—in the subway, on a plane—and tell her stories about their lives.

Like the man at the ticket counter at the Washington airport a week ago, who wanted to talk to her about his mother, and all her accomplishments. “It happens all the time,” she says.

Though an agitator by profession, Steinem speaks today of a new kind of contentment.

She was in a taxi recently, she says, and her iPhone was out of juice, meaning she had time to look out the window.

“I was looking out, and I had an amazing feeling of serenity, of well-being,” she says. “A sense that I don’t want a house in the country, or anything I don’t have. I was feeling a unity, a oneness.”

What was that all about, her interviewer wonders?

“It must be my age.”

AMC, Sony reach deal for ‘Breaking Bad’ finale

NEW YORK (AP)—The AMC network and producers of its popular “Breaking Bad” series about a chemistry teacher gone bad have agreed on making a fifth and final season of the show.

Production on the final, 16-episode run will begin early next year and hasn’t been scheduled for air.

Negotiations with series maker Sony Television had reportedly been tense, with Sony even contacting other networks to see if they’d be interested in picking up the show if AMC bowed out. The cable network, with another costly and popular series in “Mad Men,” was looking to keep expenses down and had been seeking a shorter run of episodes.

Producers may have gained leverage with the strong performance of the series in its fourth season this summer. The season debut on July 18 had the series’ highest ratings ever, and overall “Breaking Bad” has 28 percent more viewers this season than it had the last, the Nielsen Co. said.

Actor Bryan Cranston has won three Emmy Awards for his portrayal of lead character Walter White, who uses his chemistry knowledge to become a drug kingpin after receiving a cancer diagnosis.

“This is a great gift to me and my wonderful writers,” said Vince Gilligan, series creator. “It’s knowledge which will allow us to build our story to a



This image released by AMC shows, from left, Aaron Paul, Jonathan Banks, and Bryan Cranston in a scene from the fourth season of “Breaking Bad.”

satisfying conclusion. Now, if we don’t manage to pull that off, we’ve got no one to blame but ourselves.”

The series premiered in January 2008.

Hollywood studio partners with China moviemakers

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Hollywood studio Relativity Media says it is partnering with two companies to make Chinese films for global audiences and distribute movies in the fast growing Chinese market.

The partnership teams Relativity with private equity firm SAIF Partners and IDG China Media, an investment arm of Boston-based International Data Group.

Relativity will also distribute future films in China through a joint venture called SkyLand,

in which the three companies are co-owners. SkyLand will also invest in local film and TV production.

The companies are working on bringing well-known Chinese folklore tales to the big screen around the world.

SkyLand recently co-produced “Snow Flower and the Secret Fan,” a movie inspired by the novel by Lisa See.

Relativity has produced or co-financed more than 200 movies including “Cowboys & Aliens,” “Bridesmaids,” and “Limitless.”

'Apes' win again with \$27.5M; 'Help' does \$25.5M

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Rebelious apes have held off Southern maids for a narrow win at the weekend box office.

Studio estimates Sunday pegged "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" at \$27.5 million, good enough for its second-straight No. 1 finish. The 20th Century Fox release raised its 10-day domestic total to \$104.9 million.

The "Planet of the Apes" prequel came in just ahead of "The Help," a drama about Mississippi maids during the civil-rights movement that debuted at No. 2 with \$25.5 million. "The Help," a DreamWorks release distributed by Disney, has taken in \$35.4 million domestically since opening Wednesday.

The Warner Bros. horror sequel "Final Destination 5," the latest in the franchise where death stalks victims who had been fated to die earlier, opened

at No. 3 with \$18.4 million.

The weekend's other two new wide releases had soft openings. Sony's action comedy "30 Minutes or Less," starring Jesse Eisenberg as a pizza deliveryman forced to help rob a bank, was No. 5 with \$13 million, just behind Sony's surprise animated smash "The Smurfs," which slipped to fourth-place with \$13.5 million and lifted its three-week total to \$101.5 million.

The singers from TV's "Glee" failed to find a big-screen audience as 20th Century Fox's "Glee: The 3D Concert Movie" opened outside the top-10, finishing at No. 11 with just \$5.7 million. The concert film was shot during the cast's recent North American tour.

"Rise of the Planet of the Apes" and "The Help" have exceeded their studios' early box-office expectations. Both



movie can do the same kind of thing," Hollis said.

"The Smurfs" also has outstripped expectations. The family hit added \$60 million overseas to raise its worldwide total to \$242 million, and Sony announced a sequel over the past week.

"We were ready to make the second one before we even released the first," said Rory Bruer, head of distribution for Sony. "We felt confident it was going to work, but I don't think anybody had any idea it was going to work to this level."

Overall domestic business increased for the fifth-straight weekend. Revenues totaled \$152 million, up 6 percent from the same weekend last year, when "The Expendables" led with \$34.8 million, according to box-office tracker Hollywood.com.

"We're ending the summer on a high note," said Hollywood.com analyst Paul Dergarabedian. "The usually unsung month of August can be the time when a lot of unexpected things happen that benefit the

In this image released by Twentieth Century Fox, Caesar the chimp, a CG animal portrayed by Andy Serkis, and James Franco are shown in a scene from "Rise of the Planet of the Apes."

received strong reviews, "Apes" for surprising drama amid dazzling visual effects to create the

simians, "The Help" for great performances from Viola Davis, Emma Stone, Octavia Spencer and their co-stars in the adaptation of the best-seller about black maids who go public with stories about working for often racist white employers.

"You've really got to see it to believe it because of the effects," Fox distribution executive Chris Aronson said of "Apes." "The combination of the effects and an emotional story makes for a very satisfying trip to the movies."

The "Apes" prequel added \$40.5 million overseas, raising its international total to \$75 million and worldwide haul to nearly \$180 million.

Female crowds made up 74 percent of the audience for "The Help," and 60 percent of viewers were older than 35. That's a sign "The Help" could have a long shelf life at theaters, since women and older audiences tend to get drawn to films through word-of-mouth rather than rush-

1. **"Rise of the Planet of the Apes,"** \$27.5 million (\$40.5 million international).
2. **"The Help,"** \$25.5 million.
3. **"Final Destination 5,"** \$18.4 million.
4. **"The Smurfs,"** \$13.5 million (\$60 million international).
5. **"30 Minutes or Less,"** \$13 million.
6. **"Cowboys & Aliens,"** \$7.6 million (\$7 million international).
7. **"Captain America: The First Avenger,"** \$7.1 million (\$12.2 million international).
8. **"Crazy, Stupid, Love,"** \$6.93 million.
9. **"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2,"** \$6.9 million (\$30 million international).
10. **"The Change-Up,"** \$6.2 million.

said Dave Hollis, the studio's head of distribution.

"The book and the way it kind of rose to the best-seller list was very much this word-of-mouth, viral thing where people say, 'you've got to read this thing I just read,' and we're hoping the

box office."

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Hollywood.com. Where available, latest international numbers are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

Why the world is ready for 2 'Snow Whites'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Moviegoers may want to take two bites of the same apple next year: A pair of live-action adventure flicks based on Snow White will come out in theaters just months apart.

As it stands, the first, still-unnamed Snow White movie is scheduled for release March 16. That gives moviegoers two and a half months before "Snow White and the Huntsman" on June 1.

Executives are confident that both projects can succeed, given their differences in stars, tone and plot.

However bizarre the coincidence is, history shows that two similar projects like these can both attract large audiences.

In May 1998, viewers turned out for "Deep Impact," a movie about a comet threatening Earth. They showed up again that July when an asteroid did the same in "Armageddon." "Deep Impact" sold \$349 million in tickets

worldwide, and "Armageddon" followed with \$555 million.

Audiences didn't duck for cover either when "Dante's Peak" blew in February 1997 only to have "Volcano" erupt that April. The first made \$169 million and the other \$120 million at the box office.

The latest standoff pits a couple of "frenemy" studios against each other—newbie studio Relativity Media and its longtime distribution partner, Universal Pictures.

Since 2005, Relativity had provided financial backing for most of Universal's new movies in a deal that was to last through 2015. But Relativity has been eager to make money from distributing as well, as it did with the March 8 release of "Limitless," which has sold more than \$150 million in tickets worldwide.

So in June, Relativity passed its co-financing deal with Universal to Relativity's financial

backer, Elliott Management. That paved the way for the two studios to compete head to head - Relativity with the unnamed movie and Universal with "Huntsman."

"Everybody kind of goes into this eyes wide open," said Tucker Tooley, Relativity's president of worldwide production. "It's the nature of competition. It's the nature of this business."

Universal executives declined to comment.

Executives argue that the two Snow White movies are spaced far enough apart so that advertising one won't inadvertently drive people to the other.

Most movies make 95 percent of their sales in the first four weeks. On average, people in North America see four movies a year. There's plenty of time to get refreshed and go out again.

"Ten weeks in the movie business is a lifetime," said "Huntsman" producer Joe Roth.

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Nicholas D'Agosto, Emma Bell

Horror • Rated R

★★★★★

Synopsis

Death stalks a group of co-workers who avoid a grisly demise in a massive suspension bridge collapse after one of them experiences a terrifying premonition in the fifth installment of the popular Final Destination series. Series regular Tony Todd returns in this sequel starring David Koechner, Emma Bell, Nicholas D'Agosto, and Miles Fisher.



30 Minutes or Less

Friday 4:05 7:05 9:35
Saturday 1:05 4:05 7:05 9:35
Sunday 1:05 4:05 7:05
Mon thru Thurs 4:05 7:05

Jesse Eisenberg, Danny McBride

Comedy • Rated R

★★★★★

Synopsis

Small-town pizza delivery driver Nick (Jesse Eisenberg) stumbles into an elaborate crime scheme when he's abducted by a pair of ambitious criminals (Danny McBride and Nick Swardson) who coerce him into robbing a bank on a strict timeline. Desperate, Nick implores his former best friend Chet (Aziz Ansari) to help him out of the predicament.



Rise of the Planet of the Apes

Friday 4:20 7:20 10:00
Saturday 1:20 4:20 7:20 10:00
Sunday 1:20 4:20 7:20
Mon thru Thurs 4:20 7:20

James Franco, Freida Pinto

Science fiction • Rated PG 13

★★★★★

Synopsis

The Escapist director Rupert Wyatt takes the helm for this Planet of the Apes prequel centering on genetically engineered chimp Caesar (Andy Serkis), who was created in a San Francisco lab by an ambitious father/son scientist team (John Lithgow and James Franco), and who uses his powerful intellect to lead an ape uprising against all of humankind.



Change-Up

Friday 4:00 7:00 9:30
Saturday 1:00 4:00 7:00 9:30
Sunday 1:00 4:00 7:00
Mon thru Thurs 4:00 7:00

Ryan Reynolds, Jason Bateman

Comedy • Rated R

★★★★★

Cowboys and Aliens

Friday 4:10 7:10 9:45
Saturday 1:10 4:10 7:10 9:45
Sunday 1:10 4:10 7:10
Mon thru Thurs 4:10 7:10

Daniel Craig, Harrison Ford

Science fiction, Western • Rated PG 13



The Smurfs

Friday 4:30 7:30 9:40
Saturday 1:30 4:30 7:30 9:40
Sunday 1:30 4:30 7:30
Mon thru Thurs 4:30 7:30

Hank Azaria, George Lopez

Children's family, Comedy • Rated PG

★★★★★

Captain America: The First Avenger

Friday 4:25 7:25 9:55
Saturday 1:25 4:25 7:25 9:55
Sunday 1:25 4:25 7:25
Mon thru Thurs 4:25 7:25

Chris Evans, Tommy Lee Jones

Action • Rated PG 13

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American heiress and media personality Paris Hilton is escorted to her limousine shortly upon arrival at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport in Manila, Philippines late Sunday Aug. 14, 2011.

Paris Hilton loses cellphones on plane to Manila

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Paris Hilton is suffering a new bout of cellphone drama. The heiress-turned-TV star reportedly lost two mobile devices on a flight to the Philippines for a visit to promote a hotel resort.

Television footage showed Hilton combing through a bag looking upset

while she was surrounded by airline staff at the Manila airport late Sunday after arriving from Dubai.

Manila radio station DZBB reported that airport and airline authorities are investigating.

In 2005, hackers gained access to Hil-

ton's Sidekick cellphone and famously splashed the private mobile numbers of her celebrity friends online.

The latest loss apparently didn't leave Hilton completely cut off—she greeted fans with a tweet "I love you" in the local Tagalog language.

During 'Elvis Week,' fans remember pivotal year

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—Elvis Presley fans love an anniversary.

Every year, thousands of Elvis devotees flock to Memphis to remember the singer's death on Aug. 16, 1977. The main event of "Elvis Week" is the solemn candlelight vigil at Graceland, his longtime home, at midnight Tuesday.

This year, fans have something else to commemorate. It was 55 years ago—1956—when the first two Elvis albums were released, launching an international music career that brought Elvis' mix of country, rhythm and blues, and gospel to millions of fans around the world.

"It's a documentation of what I think is rock music's most incredible year," said Ernst Jorgenson, a music producer and Elvis catalog expert. "Nobody was prepared for Elvis."

To mark Elvis' breakout year, Jorgenson and his team have assembled a five-CD box set called "Young Man with the Big Beat." Jorgenson will be unveiling the RCA/Legacy box set Monday at Graceland. The collection goes on sale Sept. 27.

The set includes not only the five CDs, but also an 80-page book that provides a daily chronology of Elvis' year though photos, postcards, fan letters, magazine covers and other

memorabilia. The set also includes rare photos, posters and a replica concert ticket stub.

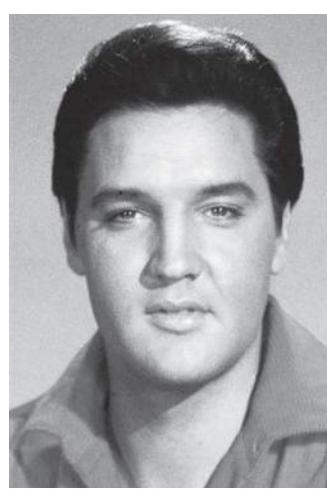
The first two CDs in the set are packed with music from the debut LP "Elvis Presley" and the follow up "Elvis." Those seminal albums had some of Elvis' most well-known songs: "Heartbreak Hotel," "Blue Suede Shoes," "Don't Be Cruel," "Hound Dog," "Love Me Tender" and more.

Those tunes, recorded in New York, Memphis, Nashville, Tenn., and Hollywood, Calif., helped sell 10 million singles and 800,000 LPs in 1956 alone. They also brought Elvis to television on Milton Berle's show, where he gave a hip-swiveling performance that excited his young fans and shocked their parents.

Elvis' stage presence, soulful voice and love of songs he heard growing up in Memphis put him in a unique position alongside other rock pioneers of his time: Chuck Berry, Little Richard, Bill Haley, Fats Domino.

"We were fascinated about how this one man seemed to change the entire music business in America in 12 months," Jorgenson said.

But it was the first album, which included "Trying to Get to You" and Ray Charles' "I Got a Woman," that author Peter Guralnick said is the more im-



This undated file photo shows Elvis Presley. Every year, thousands of Elvis devotees flock to Memphis to remember the singer's death on Aug. 16, 1977.

portant of the two 1956 albums.

"I would look at the first album as an American songbook. It's an homage to all the great genres of American music," said Guralnick, who wrote two Elvis biographies, "Last Train to Memphis: The Rise of Elvis Presley" and "Careless Love: The Unmaking of Elvis Presley."

The third CD in the set features rare live recordings that have been re-mastered. They include songs from a previously unreleased concert in Shreveport, La., in December 1956, and a Las Vegas concert where he bombed in front of an older audience.

Jorgenson said he is always looking for undiscovered gems like the Shreveport concert that can make Elvis' music new to longtime fans.

"You try to get all the pieces to the puzzle," Jorgenson said.

The fourth CD in the set features outtakes from the first RCA recording session in January of that year, and a February session in which Elvis does 12 takes of "Shake, Rattle And Roll."

The fifth CD includes interviews and two segments of Elvis' rare monologue, "The Truth About Me." The outtakes and interviews display a sensitive, emotional side of Elvis amid a great deal of criticism.

Guralnick said the criticism didn't start until Elvis became a national star, and it was based on class and social prejudice. It really bothered Elvis when critics put down his fans, Guralnick said.

"He was extremely outspoken that this was unfair, and that every generation needs to have its own style of music," said Guralnick, who showed a documentary of Sam Phillips, the producer man who discovered Elvis, Saturday at the University of Memphis.

Fans can pre-order "Young Man with the Big Beat" for \$109.99 at Elvis1956.com, or wait until Sept. 27 and pay a suggested retail price of \$139.98.

Bargain-hunting husband has a serious hoarding problem

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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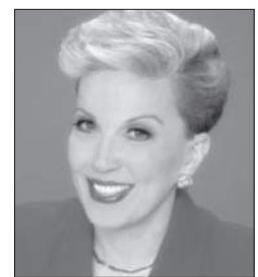
DEAR ABBY: Your response to "Secondhand Rose" (June 11) was well-intentioned but won't provide the level of intervention her husband needs. He's clearly a compulsive shopper and hoarder, and her going along on his buying trips will only lead to more family conflict and bad feelings without solving anything.

He needs cognitive behavioral therapy, the sooner the better. Like all addicts, he will probably be unwilling to admit he needs treatment and resist going. The best way to deal with this is family intervention—like what is done with alcoholics and drug addicts.

The family would be helped by going to Al-Anon meetings for support and to help them understand. Just substitute the word "hoarding" for alcohol and the picture will be clear. If there's a Clutterers Anonymous meeting nearby and he is willing to go, that would be ideal. There are also online meetings.

Hoarding is a serious, life-threatening and life-consuming disorder like any other addiction. Getting better without treatment is unlikely.

GLORIA V., ONE WHO KNOWS



Dear Abby

DEAR GLORIA: Many readers felt as you do, that "Secondhand Rose's" husband has a serious disorder and needs professional help. One organization that has been mentioned before in this column is The Obsessive-Compulsive Foundation. Its website is www.ocfoundation.org. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have a suggestion for Rose. Why not check with a local charity and ask what it needs? Give her husband the list and have him search for bargains, then donate them to the charity. It's win-win. The donation can be declared on their tax return, they won't have loads of clutter, the charity benefits, and her husband can continue to use his bargain-hunting skills.

VICTORIA IN OLYMPIA, WASH.

DEAR ABBY: Hoarding goes far beyond being an avid shopper or simply a clutterbug or pack rat. Hoarding is compulsive. It gets worse over time and turns one's home into a dangerous, dusty and unhealthy place to live. Hoarders' inability to let go overrides everything else—their families' needs for functional space to sleep, eat and prepare food.

Recently some TV shows have shed light on this behavior. It hurts those closest to the hoarder. Children of hoarders are not able to visit their parents, and the legacy of shame and hurt of the illness goes on for a lifetime as family members realize that stuff means more to the hoarder than they do.

This isn't a problem someone can fix easily. The hoarder has to be willing as well, and professional intervention is needed.

ADULT CHILD OF A HOARDER

DEAR ABBY: Is it possible that this collector could turn his hobby into a business? In this poor economy, more people are buying used. Some options would be: garage sales of his own, or rent a small shop or space in a consignment store. We may have a budding entrepreneur here.

PAULA IN JEFFERSON CITY, MO.

DEAR ABBY: Rose's husband has a form of obsessive-compulsive disorder. Her conclusion that her home is turning into a warehouse is correct; hoarders value trash and are blind to their illness, believing they are only "collectors." They twist every conversation you have with them in an attempt to save their trash and will destroy normal relationships with family.

Rose needs to educate and protect herself before it's too late. Eventually her home will completely deteriorate because normal maintenance will be impossible. She won't be able to clean because of the piles of junk.

STILL DIGGING OUT IN CALIFORNIA

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Cubs end Uggla's hitting streak at 33



ATLANTA
(AP)—The

Chicago Cubs stopped Dan Uggla's 33-game hitting streak and rallied from a four-run deficit to beat the Atlanta Braves 6-5 on Sunday.

The Braves led 4-0 through five innings and 5-4 through six, but Carlos Pena hit a go-ahead two-run homer in the seventh for Chicago.

Uggla went 0 for 3 with an RBI, ending the longest hitting streak in the majors in five years.

His best chance to extend the streak came in the fifth, but second baseman Darwin Barney made a diving catch of his fly ball in shallow right field.

Uggla grounded out to shortstop against Jeff Samardzija in the seventh in his final at-bat. He didn't come up in the ninth, when Carlos Marmol earned his 28th save.

The Cubs have won 11 of 14, including two of three from the Braves. Chicago has won four straight series for the first time since Sept. 9-21, 2008.

John Grabow (3-0) got the victory, and Eric O'Flaherty (1-4) allowed Pena's 23rd homer.

"I wasn't even looking at him," said Uggla of Barney. "I was looking at Colvin and I was like 'Oh, it's going to drop in front of him.' And the next thing you know Barney comes flying through."

Barney said the catch was more important because of Uggla's streak.

"Because of the circumstances and all that, I'm pretty happy about it," Barney said.

"It was a good streak for him. He's a great player. But I think our pitchers are happy. They take a lot of pride in that, and I'm happy for them."

Uggla grounded out to shortstop against Jeff Samardzija in the seventh in his final at-bat. He didn't come up in the ninth, when Carlos Marmol earned his 28th save.

"The streak is one thing. I'm more disappointed in the loss," Uggla said. "It was a fun run but all things have got to come to an end sometime. I had fun with it. We had a nice, little roll as a team and we're looking to get back on track tomorrow."

Uggla's teammates patted him on the back and hugged him in the dugout after the game.

"For me, it's impressive," said Braves manager Fredi Gonzalez. "It was a streak where at any given time Chipper wasn't in the lineup and Brian McCann wasn't in the lineup, and Uggla carried us. That was impressive."

Uggla streak passed Rico Carty's 31-game streak in 1970 as the longest in Atlanta Braves history. The franchise record is 37 games by Tommy Holmes for the 1945 Boston Braves.

The Braves led 4-0 through five innings and 5-4 through six



Chicago Cubs second baseman Darwin Barney makes a diving catch of Atlanta Braves batter Dan Uggla's short fly to right field in front of Chicago teammate Marlon Byrd in the fifth inning of their baseball game on Sunday, Aug. 14, 2011, at Turner Field in Atlanta.

Andrew Bailey (0-3) got the loss.

Mariners 5, Red Sox 3

In Seattle, Charlie Furbush allowed just one run in a career-best seven innings, leading Seattle to the victory.

Casper Wells homered and scored two runs for the Mariners, who took two of three from the AL East leaders.

For the first time since late June the Red Sox failed to win or split a series. Their lead in the division dwindled to a half-game over the Yankees, who were rained out on Sunday.

Furbush (3-4) yielded four hits in just his fifth start of the season. He struck out a career-high six.

Kevin Youkilis hit a two-run homer in the eighth for Boston. Tim Wakefield (6-5) gave up four earned runs and nine hits in eight innings, but was denied his 200th career victory for the fourth straight start.

Orioles 8, Tigers 5

In Baltimore, Nick Markakis homered and drove in four runs, and Jo-Jo Reyes allowed four hits over six innings to earn his first win with Baltimore.

Nolan Reimold and Adam Jones had three hits apiece for the Orioles, who got off to a quick start in their second win in eight games. Baltimore led 3-0 after two innings and pulled away with a three-run fifth.

Markakis also had three hits—a homer with a man on in the first inning and RBI singles in the fifth and sixth.

Reyes (6-9) gave up one run, struck out four and walked two.

Jim Johnson got three outs for his second save after Detroit mounted a serious comeback bid from an 8-1 deficit.

Ramon Santiago homered for the Tigers, and Doug Fister (4-13) yielded eight runs, six earned, and 12 hits over 5 2-3 innings.

Blue Jays 5, Angels 4, 10 innings

In Toronto, Edwin Encarnacion hit an RBI single in the 10th inning to lift Toronto to the victory.

Yunel Escobar walked to begin the 10th against Fernando Rodney (2-5). Mark Teahen struck out and Jose Bautista walked before Hisanori Takahashi came on to retire Adam Lind.

Encarnacion followed with a base hit up the alley in left-center, scoring Escobar with the winning run as Encarnacion's teammates ran out and mobbed him at second base.

Jon Rauch (5-3) pitched one inning for Toronto.

Bautista hit his major league-leading 34th homer and Eric Thames also connected for the Blue Jays, who had lost six of 10 coming in. Rookie Brett Lawrie hit a tying RBI double in the ninth.

Cardinals 6, Rockies 2

In St. Louis, Albert Pujols hit the longest home run at six-year-old Busch Stadium and St. Louis overcame an injury to starter Edwin Jackson with stellar bullpen work.

Yadier Molina had three hits, a walk and two RBIs for St. Louis, which remained five games behind NL Central-leading Milwaukee with 42 games to go, six of them against the Brewers.

Mark Ellis homered in the first for the Rockies, who have lost four of five. Esmil Rogers (6-2) issued a career-high seven walks, one intentional, in five innings. Colorado has lost six of its last seven in St. Louis and trails the all-time series 82-81.

Pujols' two-run drive in the first was estimated at 465 feet.

Jackson (2-1) has a 4.62 ERA in four starts over 25 1-3 innings with six homers since coming to St. Louis in a deal that sent outfielder Colby Rasmus to the Blue Jays.

Padres 7, Reds 3

In Cincinnati, San Diego scored four runs in the third inning Sunday off an ailing Dontrelle Willis, who left during the rally with a sore forearm.

Willis (0-3) left during the four-run rally, shaking and flexing his pitching hand. He'll be examined again on Monday.

A day after the Reds hit seven homers, they were limited to just four hits, including Jay Bruce's three-run shot off Wade LeBlanc (1-2).

James Darnel had a pair of run-scoring singles for the Padres. Orlando Hudson also tripled home a run.

The Reds had won four in a row, one shy of their season high.

Giants 5, Marlins 2

In Miami, Ryan Vogelsong pitched into the eighth inning to earn his career-high 10th win and San Francisco hit four home runs.

Cody Ross ended the Giants' major league-record streak of 21 consecutive solo homers when he hit a two-run shot in the third inning. It was the first non-solo homer for San Francisco since July 6.

Nate Schierholt started a new streak with a solo homer in the fourth. Brandon Belt (notes), recalled Saturday from Triple-A, hit solo homers in the sixth and eighth.

Vogelsong (10-2) struck out eight while allowing two runs and four hits in 7 2-3 innings, lowering his ERA to 2.47. Ramon Ramirez came on to retire Brett Hayes (notes) with two on and two out in the ninth for his second save in three chances.

Florida's Chris Volstad (5-9) gave up four runs and seven hits in six innings.

Dodgers 7, Astros 0

In Los Angeles, Hiroki Kuroda pitched seven strong innings, Justin Sellers hit a three-run drive for his first major league homer and the Dodgers finished a sweep of the three-game series.

Matt Kemp matched his career high with his 28th homer for the Dodgers, who had lost four in a row before the lowly Astros came to Chavez Ravine. Diner Navarro also went deep and scored twice.

Kuroda (8-14) allowed five singles, struck out six and walked one. Kuroda's last five victories have come in games in which he didn't allow a run, dating to his 2-0 win at Pittsburgh on May 11.

The rebuilding Astros have dropped a season-worst six

straight games. Jordan Lyles (1-7) gave up seven runs and seven hits in 5 1-3 innings, including all three home runs.

White Sox 6, Royals 2

In Chicago, Brent Lillibridge hit a three-run homer, John Danks pitched six strong innings and the Chicago White Sox beat the Kansas City Royals 6-2 on Sunday.

Paul Konerko added three hits for the White Sox (60-60), who have won eight of 10 to reach .500. Alexei Ramirez had two hits and scored twice.

Chicago improved its abysmal home record to 26-33 and moved within four games of AL Central-leading Detroit, which lost 8-5 at Baltimore. The White Sox won consecutive games in a single series at U.S. Cellular Field for the first time since June 21 and 22 against the Cubs.

Danks (5-9) allowed two runs and four hits, struck out six and walked four, improving to 5-1 with a 2.29 ERA in his last nine starts.

Jeff Francis (4-13) lasted just 3 2-3 innings for Kansas City, which has lost six of seven.

Rangers 7, Athletics 6

In Oakland, David Murphy hit a tiebreaking RBI single with two outs in the ninth inning, helping the Rangers finish off a three-game series sweep.

Mitch Moreland hit a sacrifice fly, Michael Young and Mike Napoli each drew bases-loaded walks against former Ranger Rich Harden and first-place Texas extended its winning streak in the rivalry to eight games. The Rangers (69-52) also moved a season-best 17 games over .500.

Mike Adams (1-1) pitched a 1-2-3 eighth for the victory, then Neftali Feliz finished for his 23rd save in 29 chances.

Umenyiora ends stalemate with Giants



EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)—A somewhat miffed Osi Umenyiora is returning to the New York Giants without a new contract.

In an email to The Associated Press on Sunday evening, the two-time Pro Bowl defensive end said he plans to practice on Monday at training camp, and that he will play this season under the terms of his current contract.

Umenyiora said the Giants offered to put incentives in his contact, which will pay him \$7.1 million over the next two seasons, but he rejected them.

"No deal has been reworked," Umenyiora told the AP. "What has been offered has been unacceptable and shows they don't really respect the fact I sacrifice my health for the franchise. I will play under my current deal because I love and respect my coaches, my teammates, the fans, and myself. Not for those incentives."

Umenyiora didn't say how much money the team offered in incentives.

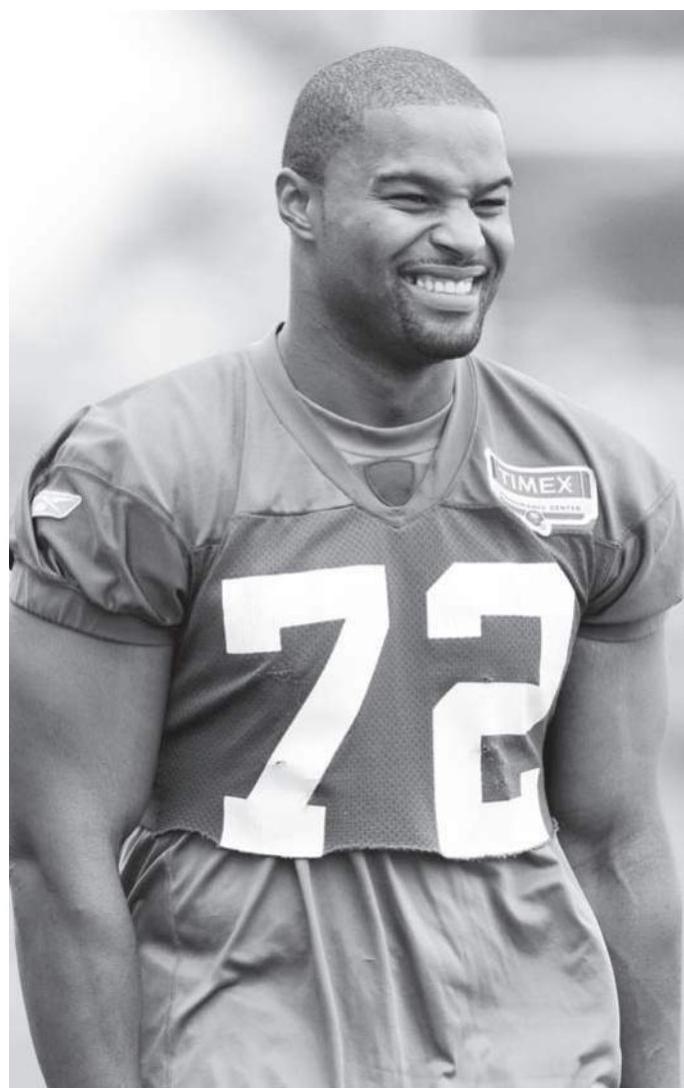
The nine-year NFL veteran hasn't practiced since reporting to training camp on July 30, a day late. He failed to report on time because he alleged that general manager Jerry Reese told him the team would rework his contract.

Reese has refused to discuss what was said between them.

The 29-year-old Umenyiora shared the team lead with 11.5 sacks last season and he had a league-high 10 forced fumbles.

The Giants told Umenyiora not to practice after he reported to training camp. A couple of days later they gave his agent, Tony Agnone, permission to seek a trade, provided they got a first-round draft pick in return.

The Giants then told Agnone to stop looking a few days later.



New York Giants' Osi Umenyiora watches practice during NFL football training camp on Thursday, Aug. 4, 2011, in East Rutherford, N.J.

Umenyiora, who was part of the players antitrust suit against the NFL during the recent lockout, gave indications on Wednesday that he might practice soon when he did some work with trainers simulating snaps. He went to Atlanta on Thursday and got a second opinion on his injured knee.

Giants coach Tom Coughlin said on Sunday that team doctors cleared Umenyiora for practice, and hours later Umenyiora told the AP that he would take the field on Monday.

"JPP obviously played well," Coughlin said. "He was a force with two sacks and he missed another one. He made some tackles and was a force against a good left tackle so I was pleased with the way he played."

Newton 8 of 19 for 134 yards in debut

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)—

Cam Newton showed glimpses Saturday night of why the Carolina Panthers made him the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft, from the strong arm that zipped the ball downfield to the mobility that bought extra moments in a collapsing pocket.

He also looked like a rookie quarterback struggling with his accuracy.

Newton led a pair of field-goal drives in his NFL debut, and Jimmy Clausen threw a touchdown pass to Greg Olsen to help the Panthers beat the New York Giants 20-10 in a preseason game.

Newton, the Heisman Trophy winner from Auburn, twice failed to get the Panthers into the end zone on promising first-half drives. But he also brought some big-play potential to the league's worst offense last season and a franchise in desperate need of a fresh start.

In fact, the loudest cheer might've come when Newton took the field less than a minute into the second quarter.

"I was just trying to go out there and first off prove to myself that I could play on this level," Newton said. "After that first little completion, I started to get the juices flowing. It was like, 'Hey, I'm in the NFL,' and I started to get a little swagger about myself."

Newton completed 8 of 19 throws for 134 yards, including a pair of completions of at least 30 yards. Newton played until early in the fourth quarter before giving way to veteran reserve Derek Anderson.

"They had me guessing out there and I know this is just the

beginning of what's more to come," Newton said.

Michael Boley, who returned an interception 56 yards for a score for the Giants' only touchdown, said Newton looked "pretty comfortable."

"You saw what happened when he came into the game—he got a standing ovation," Boley said. "He's got a pretty good cannon."

The game also marked the debut of Panthers coach Ron Rivera, who replaced John Fox as the franchise begins a significant overhaul after a two-win season.

Newton took snaps from the shotgun in Auburn's spread offense, throwing for 30 touchdowns and running for 20 more in an unbeaten season that ended with the national championship. But he looked comfortable enough under center and even tried to block for David Clowney on a reverse during his first series.

His first throw was a safe one, a rollout to the right on play action for a short pass to Olsen that the tight end turned into a 10-yard gain. A few plays later, Newton found Olsen again with an on-the-button throw to the left for a 30-yard gain that set up a first-and-goal.

But Newton twice failed to connect with Brandon LaFell in the end zone, forcing Carolina to settle for a field goal. Newton also led the Panthers on a 54-yard drive in the final minute of the half, but rushed a pass against pressure and overthrew an open Armanti Edwards at the goal line to set up another field goal for a 13-10 halftime lead.

Rivera said he thought Newton was too excited near the end zone.

"Sometimes you may want to settle him down, but at the same time him being that is what makes him so special," Olsen said. "You kind of have to play both sides of the fence there. You know both (Newton and Clausen) did a great job for their first time out. We've only been at this with the whole squad for about a week now."

While Newton avoided big mistakes, the same couldn't be said of Clausen. The second-year passer heard boos from the moment his second pass hit Boley in the hands barely 2 minutes in. When the next drive ended with Clausen taking a third-down sack, some fans stopped booing long enough only to begin chants of "Cam! Cam!"

Clausen salvaged his night by finding Olsen for an 18-yard touchdown on the next possession.

New York coach Tom Coughlin didn't see any such bounceback from his offense.

"When we had that interception for the score ... you can make something really good happen for your team by just scoring again," he said. "I was very disappointed it didn't happen."

Eli Manning didn't lead a scoring drive in his five series, completing 4 of 9 passes for just 36 yards. Lawrence Tynes also missed two field goals and had another kick blocked.

"We never got into a great rhythm," Manning said. "We missed some opportunities in the passing game, and never really got anything down the field."

SEC sticking with 12 schools



FLORIDA
(AP)—The Southeastern Conference

is staying just as it is - for now.

However, the game of major college conference realignment appears far from finished.

University of Florida President Bernie Machen, the chairman of the Southeastern Conference's presidents and chancellors committee, said the group met Sunday and "reaffirmed our satisfaction with the present 12 institutional alignment."

Machen said no action was taken regarding Texas A&M or any other schools. He didn't, however, close the door on change.

"We recognize, however, that future conditions may make it advantageous to expand the number of institutions in the league," Machen said

in a statement. "We discussed criteria and process associated with expansion."

The Aggies reportedly are looking to leave the Big 12. The Texas A&M System board of regents is to meet Monday, and among the items on the agenda is conference alignment.

A&M President R. Bowen Loftin said in a statement Sunday there is "a considerable amount of misinformation" regarding the school and the SEC.

Loftin said he didn't participate in the meeting Sunday with the SEC, but would be authorized by the regents to "take all actions related to athletic conference alignment."

If it leaves the Big 12, Texas A&M's first destination preference appears to be the SEC. Arkansas Chancellor Dave Gearhart said that much was made clear at the SEC meeting Sunday.

"(Texas A&M) did approach the SEC, not the other way around," Gearhart said. "I'm not really sure of all the reasons for that. I'm sure that there's a lot of speculation on behalf of a lot of people that what caused them to do that. The bottom line is they did approach the SEC."

Gearhart said the Aggies were among a number of topics discussed at the SEC meeting in Atlanta.

"It was really an open discussion, not just about A&M but about the future of the conference and the future of other conferences," Gearhart said. "We did talk about Texas A&M. It's a great university, a great place. But I think the decision was to make no decision at this particular time."

Gearhart said the SEC presidents and chancellors are "very comfortable" with the 12-team

alignment, financially and competitively. But he, too, said they wouldn't rule out expansion.

"If some other conference is going to make changes, it behooves us to take a look at that," Gearhart said.

He added: "I think everybody will sort of be watching what happens in Texas and what they do."

Gearhart said he didn't come away from the meeting with any clearer idea of what form future conferences might take. He said talk of four "super conferences" was just that - talk.

As for how any future alignment would affect the SEC, or if the conference would look actively to add schools, Gearhart pointed to the league's history of success and his confidence in commissioner Mike Slive.

"If you look at what the member institutions have won on the gridiron and all sports, for that matter, we've done very, very well," Gearhart said.

Big 12 Commissioner Dan Beebe and the conference's board of directors discussed the future of the conference and Texas A&M's possible departure during a conference call Saturday.

"The board strongly conveyed to Texas A&M its unanimous desire that it remain a Big 12 member, and acknowledged its value to the conference," the Big 12 said in a statement Saturday night.

Texas State Rep. Dan Branch, the chairman of the Texas House Committee on Higher Education, called a hearing before his committee for Tuesday with Big 12, SEC and Texas A&M officials.

Loftin said he has accepted Branch's invitation to participate in the meeting.

"These are extremely complex issues," Loftin said, "and it is imperative that we proceed methodically and in the best interests of Texas A&M."

The Aggies' football team

went about business as usual Sunday with two indoor practices.

Coach Mike Sherman reiterated late in the afternoon that he's not in the loop on developments involving the SEC and his sole focus is on the Sept. 4 opener against SMU.

"My comment that I don't pay a whole lot of attention to it, is accurate," Sherman said.

Senior safety Trent Hunter says the Aggies have followed the coaches' mandate to block out the rumors and concentrate on football.

"Not been very hard at all," Hunter said. "Our coaches made a very good point of it. They nipped it in the bud on the first day - don't talk about it, don't tweet about it, don't Facebook about it. It's not anything that's going to affect us playing SMU in that first week."

The school said athletic director Bill Byrne was traveling back from France and also was not available.

BRADLEY

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a major. Bradley made back-to-back birdies, including a 35-footer with a belly putter that rattled into the cup on the 17th.

Then came a monumental meltdown by Jason Dufner. Unflappable all afternoon, he hit his tee shot in the water on the 15th for the first of three straight bogeys that led to a three-hole playoff.

Bradley birdied the 16th hole in the playoff—his first outright lead of the day—and went on to win by one shot.

The son of a PGA professional in Vermont, wearing red for his alma mater—St. John's—Bradley became only the third player in at least 100 years to win a major championship in his first try.

The Wanamaker at his side, Bradley took out his cell phone and took a picture of the oversized trophy. It wasn't long before he posted it on Twitter with three hash tags - "pgachampion, triplebogies, happiness."

"It feels unbelievable," he said. "It seems like a dream and I'm afraid I'm going to wake up here in the next five minutes and it's not going to be real."

The final major of the year was hard to believe in so many ways.

It was Bradley, a 25-year-old PGA Tour rookie who was ranked No. 108 in the world, who ended America's longest drought in a major that had reached six. He became only the third player in at least 100 years to win a major on his first try.

All this after Tiger Woods missed the cut and finished out of the top 100 for the first time in a major, and U.S. Open champion Rory McIlroy—the favorite at the PGA—hit a tree root in the opening round and played the rest of the week with his right wrist heavily

taped. He tied for 64th and finished 19 shots behind.

Then came the finish—a rousing rally for Bradley, a sad collapse for Dufner. It brought back memories of Ed Sneed making bogey on the last three holes of the 1979 Masters, and even Arnold Palmer losing a seven-shot lead with nine holes left in the 1966 U.S. Open.

Dufner played that four-hole finish in 3 under for the week - never once making a bogey - until the final round.

Sunday was different. He made three bogeys in regulation, another on the 17th in the playoff to fall two shots behind, and a birdie on the last hole in the playoff only made the score seem closer than it was. Dufner, now winless in 148 starts, closed with a 69.

"Everybody has struggled on them," Dufner said of the final four holes. "Unfortunately, I had the lead and I struggled on them. ... That was the deciding factor, and Keegan made a couple birdies there, and I made a couple bogeys."

Bradley, best known until now as the nephew of LPGA great Pat Bradley, moved to No. 29 in the world. He won earlier this year at the Byron Nelson Championship in a playoff, again after the leader faded on the closing holes.

The win makes it seven straight majors by players who had never before captured a Grand Slam event, the longest streak ever.

Bradley, who became the first major champion to use a long putter, can only hope more will follow.

"I don't want to be one of the guys that kind of disappears," Bradley said. "I would love to be up in a category with the best players and be mentioned with Phil Mickelson, one of my idols. I hope I don't disappear. I don't plan to."

Mickelson had been the last American to win a major at the 2010 Masters, and perhaps it was only fitting that

one of his protégés ended the drought. Mickelson has been playing money games during practice rounds at the big tournaments with Bradley, wanting him to be prepared to play for something more prestigious than cash. The kid must have taken the lessons to heart.

He never gave up when he had every reason to do just that.

"This guy's the guttiest player I've ever worked for," said his caddie, Steven "Pepsi" Hale. "There's no quit."

Bradley was two shots behind when he arrived at the pivotal stretch of the course. From left of the 15th green, he hit an aggressive chip that came out too hot and rolled into the water, leading to a triple bogey.

Dufner watched it all unfold from high on the hill as he waited on the 15th tee, his lead suddenly up to four shots over Anders Hansen, who was in the process of making bogey. For the first time all day, Dufner showed a trace of emotion, wincing slightly when he saw the flight of his tee shot take the ball into the water right of the green.

He still poured in a 12-foot putt to at least escape with bogey. His lead was still four shots, and when he split the middle of the 16th fairway, he seemed to be on his way.

Then came an unlikely chain of events.

Bradley stuffed his shot into 8 feet for birdie on the 16th. Behind him in the final group, Dufner hit into the right bunker, blasted out to 10 feet and made bogey. Now his lead was down to two shots.

Dufner arrived on the 17th tee in time to watch as Bradley rattled in a 35-foot putt, pumping his fists as his caddie stood behind the hole holding the flag over his head with both arms. Dufner did well to find the middle of the green for what appeared to be a safe two-putt

par. But he ran his first putt 10 feet by the hole and three-putted for bogey.

Just like that, they were tied.

With the pressure as great as it had been all day, both played the 18th the same way - dry. Both had long two-putts for par from one side of the green to the other. They finished at 8-under 272.

Dufner's 5-iron on the opening hole of the playoff - the uphill 16th - came within an inch of hitting the hole and stopped 6 feet away. Bradley answered with a shot into 4 feet and made the birdie, while Dufner missed his putt.

On the 17th, Dufner again three-putted for bogey to give Bradley a two-shot lead going to the 18th. The final drama for Bradley was watching his 6-iron descend toward the green, clearing the lake with not much room to spare. Dufner rolled in a birdie, but by then it was too late to recover from his mistakes.

"I'm so new at this situation, I don't know if I appreciate it as much as I will - soon," Dufner said. "I might look back in 10 or 15 years and be disappointed if I never get another chance."

They finished one shot ahead of Hansen, whose lone bogey of the final round—on the 16th hole—kept him out of the playoff. The Dane closed with a 66, matching the best score of the final round.

The group tied for fourth included 2001 champion David Toms (67) and two others who stayed in the game until the very end.

Robert Karlsson got within one shot of the lead with a 5-foot eagle putt on the 12th hole. The Swede never made another birdie, though, and finished with three straight bogeys for a 67. Scott Verplank holed out a bunker shot on the 16th and was tied with Bradley going to the 17th, but his tee shot bounced off the wall and into the water for a double bogey. He closed with a 70.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES**MLB STANDINGS****AMERICAN LEAGUE****East Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	73	46	.613	
New York	72	46	.610	1/2
Tampa Bay	64	55	.538	9
Toronto	61	59	.508	12 1/2
Baltimore	46	72	.390	26 1/2

Central Division

Detroit	64	56	.533	—
Cleveland	60	57	.513	2 1/2
Chicago	60	60	.500	4
Minnesota	52	67	.437	11 1/2
Kansas City	50	71	.413	14 1/2

West Division

Texas	69	52	.570	—
Los Angeles	65	56	.537	4
Oakland	53	67	.442	15 1/2
Seattle	52	67	.437	16

NATIONAL LEAGUE**East Division**

Philadelphia	78	41	.655	—
Atlanta	70	51	.579	9
New York	58	62	.483	20 1/2
Washington	57	62	.479	21
Florida	56	64	.467	22 1/2

Central Division

Milwaukee	70	51	.579	—
St. Louis	65	56	.537	5
Cincinnati	59	62	.488	11
Pittsburgh	56	63	.471	13
Chicago	53	68	.438	17
Houston	38	83	.314	32

West Division

Arizona	68	53	.562	—
San Francisco	66	55	.545	2
Los Angeles	55	64	.462	12
Colorado	56	66	.459	12 1/2
San Diego	54	68	.443	14 1/2

Yesterday's Games

San Diego 7, Cincinnati 3
San Francisco 5, Florida 2
Chicago Cubs 6, Atlanta 5

Washington at Philadelphia, pdp., rain

Milwaukee 2, Pittsburgh 1, 10 innings

L.A. Dodgers 7, Houston 0

Arizona 5, N.Y. Mets 3

St. Louis 6, Colorado 2

Minnesota at Cleveland, pdp., rain

Tampa Bay at New York, pdp., rain

Toronto 5, L.A. Angels 4, 10 innings

Baltimore 8, Detroit 5

Chicago White Sox 6, Kansas City 2

Texas 7, Oakland 6

Seattle 5, Boston 3

PGA CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES

JOHNS CREEK, Georgia (AP)—Results Friday from the U.S. PGA Championship played at the 7,463-yard, par-70 Atlanta Athletic Club, Highlands Course.

FINAL ROUND

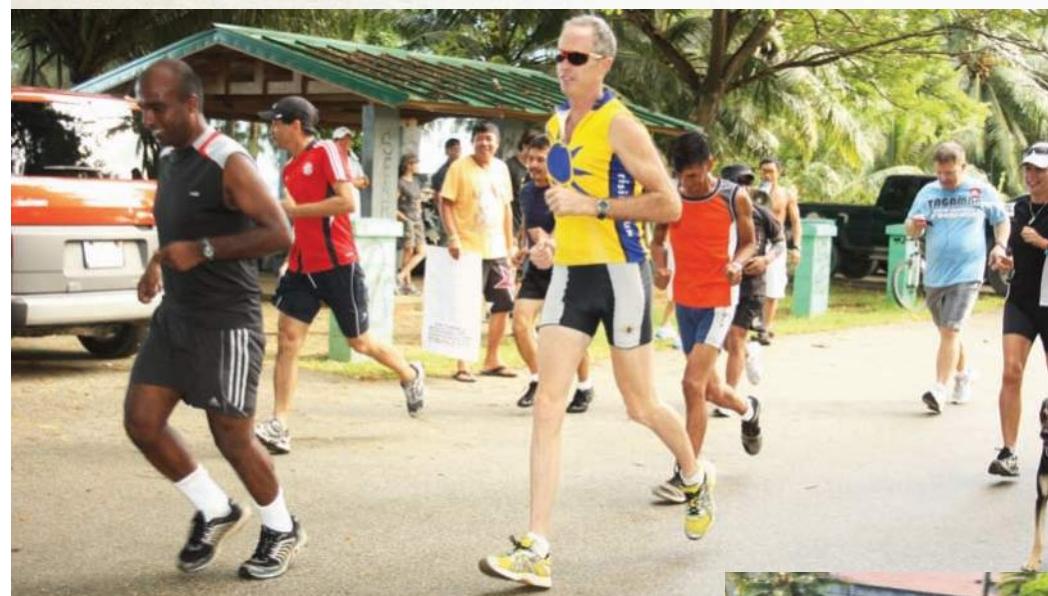
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Jason Dufner	70-65-68-69-272
Anders Hansen	68-69-70-66-273
Robert Karlsson	70-71-67-67-275
David Toms	72-71-65-67-275
Scott Verplank	67-69-69-70-255
Adam Scott	69-69-70-68-276
Lee Westwood	71-68-70-68-277
Luke Donald	70-69-70-68-277
Kevin Na	72-69-70-67-278
D.A. Points	69-67-71-71-278
Trevor Immelman	69-71-71-68-279
Gary Woodland	70-70-68-68-279
Sergio Garcia	72-69-69-69-279
Bill Haas	68-73-69-69-279
Nick Watney	70-71-68-70-279
Charl Schwartzel	71-71-66-71-279
Steve Stricker	63

Butch Bike/Run Fundraiser II

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Bikers head out of Paupau Beach during the Butch Journey to XTERRA World Championship Fundraiser II last Sunday.



Runners leave the starting line after the bikers.



Bikers at the back of the lead pack pedal their way out of the starting line.



Kanae Quinn walks her golden retriever while waiting for the start of the run race.



Bruce Batemen makes his way to the finish line of the road bike division.



Mieko Carey is a few meters away from the finish line of the bike race.



Nap Dizon leads two other bikers heading down to the finish line.



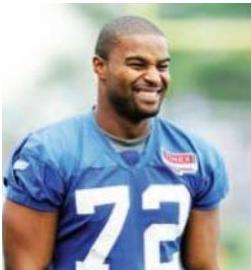
Bikers wait for the start of the race.



John Jenkins celebrate his 5K finish.



Cesar Danao, left, and Stuart Smith join hands as they near the finish line of the 8K race.



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Bradley tops PGA in playoff

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JOHS CREEK, Ga. (AP)—A rally that ranks among the best. A collapse hardly anyone saw coming. There was even a guy in a red shirt Sunday, pumping his fists with each clutch putt in the final, frenzied hour of the PGA Championship.

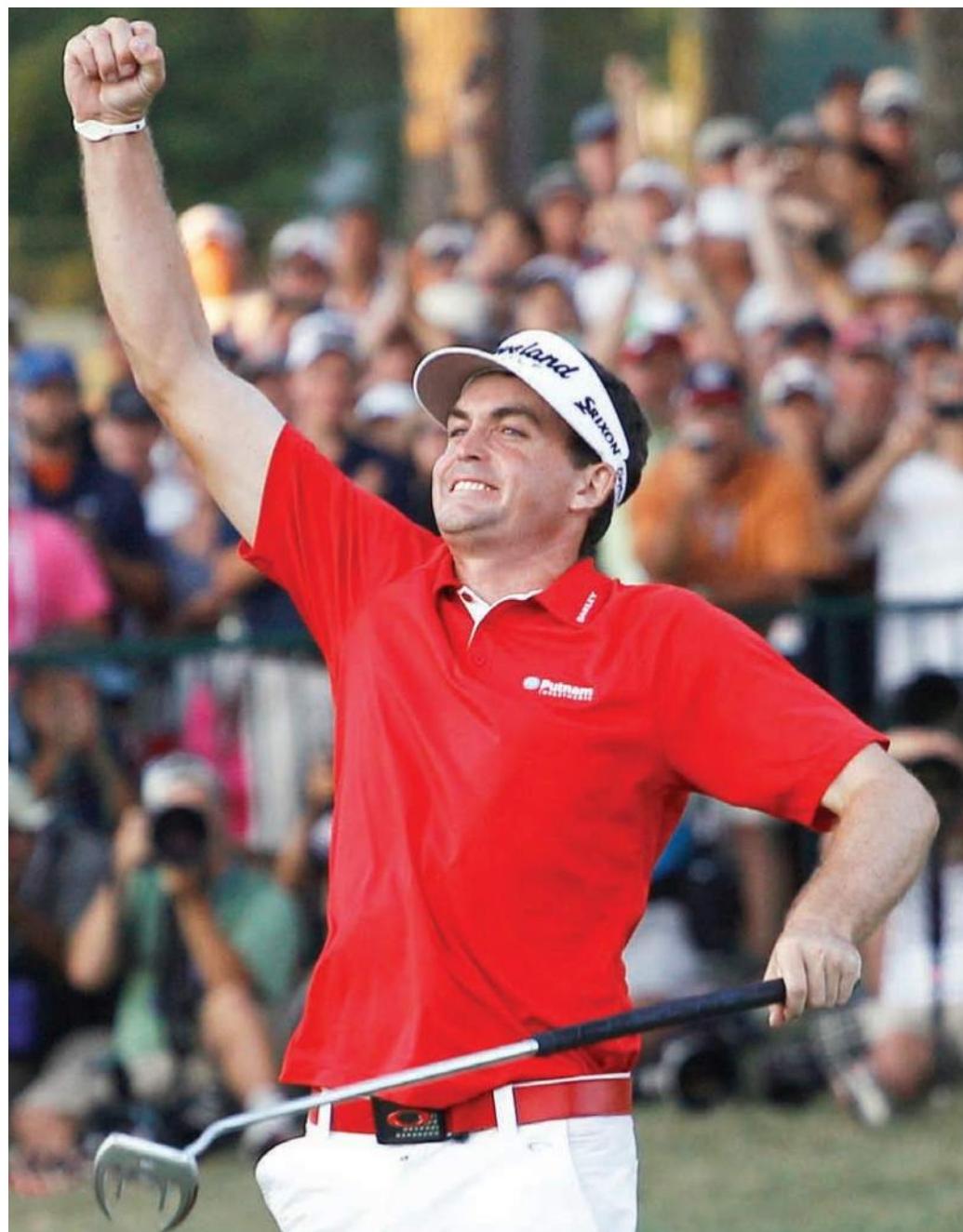
In a major filled with unfamiliar names, Keegan Bradley delivered an unforgettable finish.

Bradley was five shots behind with only three holes to play after his chip shot raced across the 15th green and into the water, leading to a triple bogey. That's when he reminded himself that no lead was safe on the final four holes at Atlanta Athletic Club.

"I just kept telling myself, 'Don't let that hole define this whole tournament,'" Bradley said.

Instead, it led to one of the most stunning turnarounds in

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Keegan Bradley celebrates on the 18th green after winning a three-hole playoff against Jason Dufner at the PGA Championship golf tournament Sunday, Aug. 14, 2011, at the Atlanta Athletic Club in Johns Creek, Ga.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Three Samahang Ilokano at Pangasinense defenders gang up on a Jets player during their debut game in youth division of the UFO Docomo Cup last Sunday at the TSL Sports Complex.

Cabalen, SIP win debuts in UFO Docomo Cup

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Cabalen/Wings Travel and Samahang Ilokano at Pangasinense triumphed in their debuts in the UFO Inter-Organization Youth and Masters Basketball Docomo Pacific Cup 2011 after posting contrasting wins last Sunday at the TSL Sports Complex.

In the masters division, de-

fending champion Cabalen crushed VisMinda/DA Doctors, 90-60, while in the youth game, SIP slipped past the Jets, 80-73. In the opening match (youth division) for the Docomo Cup at the Civic Center Basketball Court, MDX outgunned Samahang Laguna, 79-51.

Cabalen, which won last year's masters title against MAFEA, led from start to finish and

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Miller misses No. 1 ranking

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 Christian Miller faltered on his final bid to take the No. 1 ranking in the boys

the U15 division. Last year, he was only ranked third after dropping his semifinals match over New Caledonia's Alessandro Blasco, 3-6, 0-6. Miller went on to beat Fiji's Geordie Daulaca in the battle for third place last year, 6-1, 7-6 (9).

With Miller in second place in the boys U15 singles, only Tammy Ackerman gave the CNMI a championship in the five-day tournament. She won the girls U12 singles over teammate Negahr Rastgui, who also improved this year, climbing to second after a third-place finish last year.

Ackerman did not make it to the POJC last year, but had a rousing debut in the annual tournament with her title win.

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Christian Miller, seen here in action in a local tournament in March 2011, finished second in the boys U15 division of the 2011 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Lautoka, Fiji.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO



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The more than 80 bikers pedal their way out of Paupau Beach during last Sunday's Butch Journey to Xterra World Championship Fundraiser II.

Butch fundraiser II draws 94

The Butch Journey to X T E R R A World Championship Fundraiser II had a bigger turnout than the June event

after 94 individuals joined the bike and run races last Sunday.

First up to leave the starting line at Paupau Beach were the more than 80 bikers and came next were the 10 runners.

More than 25 minutes later, John Jenkins returned to the starting line and completed the 5K race from Paupau to the baseball field in Marpi and back. He timed in at 25:48.48 to place first in the shortest race the day

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